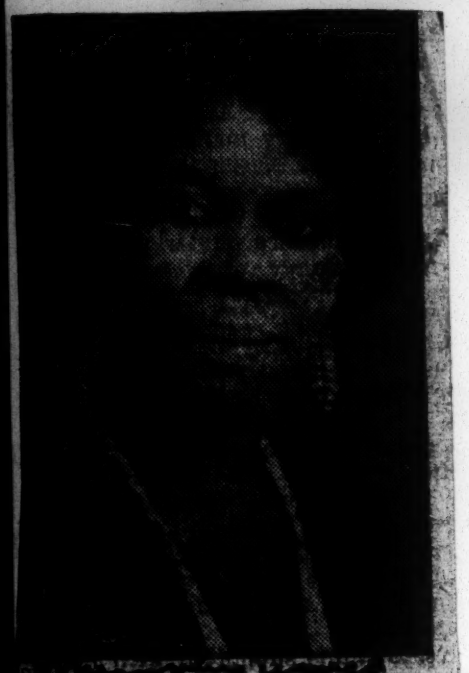

HISTORIAN — Mrs. I. M. Dean of Memphis, Historian of the Excelsior Grand Chapter O. E. S. is author of "History of the Order of Eastern Star in Tennessee." This book, which was put on sale for the first time at the recent annual convention of the Grand Chapter O. E. S., and Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F. and A. Masons, traces the story and colorful history behind this strong fraternal body.

Mrs. Dean began research for this [illegible] years ago and traveled as far as New England States to secure data. Her finished publication was welcomed by the men and women [illegible] and it was called a work of art by many prominent Masons.

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27 Daughters of Calanthe State Courts Cite Progress in Biennial Reports

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Baltimore, Md.

Each Knights of Pythias Auxiliary Group Has Set Up Scholarship Fund, Shown Growth

BALTIMORE — Increased membership in both adult and juvenile divisions and the establishment of scholarship and building funds were highlights of reports from 27 State groups made by the Supreme Court, Daughters of Calanthe, at their Wednesday morning session.

Sir A. G. Gaston, supreme worthy counsellor, who was re-elected to the post of vice-chancellor at the Knights of Pythias business session on the previous evening, presided at the session held at New Metropolitan Baptist Church.

The reports, summarized, were as follows:

ALABAMA—Mrs. Ipsie Woods, grand worthy counsellor — Some 730 members added; set up educational fund which to date totals $750.

Set Up Scholarship Fund

ARKANSAS — Mrs. Gertrude McCoy, grand worthy counselor—Gave a scholarship to a student at Philander Smith College in Little Rock, Ark.; has $500 in scholarship fund.

CALIFORNIA — Mrs. Beatrice Sellors, grand worthy counsellor —Reported increase in juvenile membership and $900 in scholarship fund.

GEORGIA — Mrs. Geneva Hangabrook — grand worthy counsellor — Added seven courts and three juvenile units; planning to set up educational committee.

ILLINOIS — Mrs. Rose E. Hoard, grand worthy counsellor—Has contributed to the payment of the tuition of 17 college students, and established a $500 student loan fund; has given a scholarship for the first time to a male student; reports an increase of 260 members.

Organized New Court

INDIANA — Mrs. Luna Lane, grand worthy counsellor — Has organized a new court in addition to the 10 already in operation and several juvenile units; has some $1000 in treasury.

KANSAS — Mrs. Susie Hobbs, grand worthy counsellor — Has organized three new courts; and its newly organized educational committee raised $50; has over $2,000 in the treasury, earmarked for the charity fund.

KENTUCKY — Mrs. Williams, grand worthy counsellor — Reported in operation 24 courts, with a total of 624 members.

MARYLAND — Mrs. Lula Richardson, grand worthy counsellor —Has given $100 scholarships to two girls and provided financial aid to two other students; has begun building fund for purchase of a home; is working on a project to purchase $4,000 worth of instruments for a 30-piece military band for the juvenile unit; and has organized a lodge for men.

MASSACHUSETTS — Mrs. Eugenia Austin — Has set up a $283 scholarship fund. Has nine courts and three juvenile units in operation.

Gives Trips to Hot Springs

MICHIGAN — Mrs. Lena Holmes — grand worthy counsellor — Reported substantial returns from financial investments; has paid out all endowment burial funds; has given trips to the Pythian Bath House in Hot Springs, Ark., for persons bringing in a certain number of members.

MISSISSIPPI — Mrs. Estelle Young, grand worthy counsellor —Reported 15 courts in operation and a substantial growth in the juvenile division.

MISSOURI — Mrs. Jessie Hamilton, grand worthy counsellor — Has $15,00 in the treasury, including $2,000 for the educational fund; has organized three new courts, and has 21 in operation.

NEW JERSEY — Mrs. Rena C. Young, grand worthy counsellor— Reported organizations of two new courts and two juvenile units.

NEW YORK — Mrs. Edith Brown, grand worthy counsellor— Has a total of 931 members in its 10 departments and $2,000 in the treasury.

NORTH CAROLINA — Mrs. Avatna Garnes, grand worthy counsellor — Reported an increase of 800 members since 1943.

Memberships Up 20%

OHIO — Mrs. Evelyn Terrell, grand worthy counsellor — Has set up three new courts, Reported over 20 per cent increase in membership and $380 in the treasury. Plans to give two scholarships this year.

OKLAHOMA — Mrs. Maude Brockway, grand worthy counsellor — Reports 388 members in the active courts.

PENNSYLVANIA — Mrs. Edna Stewart, grand worthy counsellor — Reported 135 new members; paid out over $10,000 in death claims and maintains a cash bank balance of over $20,000; has bought and paid for home buildings in both Philadelphia and Pittsburgh; is planning to build an apartment house in Philadelphia.

TENNESSEE — Mrs. Cora Blake, grand worthy counsellor— Has increased membership in both courts and juvenile divisions; has organized two lodges; Owns K of P home jointly with the lodge.

Built $125,000 Home

TEXAS — Mrs. V. A. Bradford, worthy counsellor — Has built a $125,000 home in Houston, which contains offices and employs eight secretaries; has over 5,000 adult members and 3,000 juveniles; has $6,000 in treasury, and an A plus credit rating with Dunn and Bradstreet for the real estate and fraternal insurance business conducted by the order.

VIRGINIA — Mrs. Rowena White, grand worthy counsellor — Has increased membership to 2,000 during the biennium.

WEST VIRGINIA — Mrs. M. Mack, grand worthy counsellor— Reports an increase of 150 members and a total of 275 juveniles; has one cadet corps and one marching club. Has $250 in educational fund.

Brief History of the Order

The Knights of Pythias is a group whose history reflects the struggle of minority groups for rights and privileges in America.

Born during the early stages of the Civil War, this mystic order had to fight numerous Southern supreme courts and, finally, the United States Supreme Court, to regain its name and emblem.

Afro-American

According to officials, about $70,000 was the cost of the order's 10-year-legal battle.

"In the end," one officer told the AFRO, "the white Pythians were so frustrated that they immediately changed their name and emblem."

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The order was founded in 1862 by Justice Rathborne and four others in Jackson, Miss. And, during the Reconstruction period, it played a prominent role in welding colored people into a solid front.

Historical traditions of the Knights of Pythias date back to the days of knighthood. Damon and Pythias, two legendary or actual figures, provided the impetus with their heroic deeds for such an order, "a way of life to perpetuate and consecrate friendship and brotherly love."

Following the pattern of those days when knighthood was in flower, the Knights of Pythias—male and female — must go throught trial stages as esquires, pages, and knights.

Afterwards they are eligible for the uniformed rank and then for the dramatic Order of Knights and Daughters of Omar.

Before the 1929 depression struck, the order was considered the largest of its type in the world. However, staggering membership losses followed and the Knights of Pythias are just beginning to regain their former strength.

Mt. Vernon Elks' Home Cost $25,000

This is the new Elks' home in Mt. Vernon, N.Y. Located at 138 S. Sixth Ave., it was purchased by Harry L. Harris from the estate of Paul Hearn for the sum of $25,000.

ELKS PLAN HUGE SHRINE

SAMPLES MANOR, Md.—Almost a century after John Brown's raid, which ignited the pre-Civil War days, the Tri-State Assn. of Colored Elks, announced the purchase of the farm where he and his sons planned the bloody foray against the arsenal at Harper's Ferry, Virginia. A 100 foot tower with an everburning light at its tip, will mark the 254 acre farm which is to serve as a national shrine and monument to the militant anti-slaver, John Brown and his courageous sons.

The site is to hold a camp for boys and girls, a home for aged members of the Elks and recreation facilities.

ELKS MEET IN LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGELES — (ANP) — With Golden West Lodge No. 386 of the Elks as host, the 19th Annual National convention of Elks opened here Friday, May 27 to extend through May 30. Hiawatha Temple No. 91 was hostess to Daughter Elks.

WHITE LAD WINS ELKS' CONTEST

DENVER, (ANP) — John Dornberg, 17, a white student, won the oratorical contest held here by the Mountain Lodge No. 39, Improved, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, at the New Hope Baptist Church. Dornberg, a student at East High School, won the contest with a talk on "The Negro and the Constitution." He will represent the State of Colorado at the regional contest to be held in Oklahoma City, July 20.

Elks Pay $3, But No Bunche

Biggest West Coast Convention Held

50,000 SEE PARADE

Officers Re-elected

Rights Fight Stressed

SAN FRANCISCO — Five hundred delegates and 6000 visitors to the Elks Convention spent a hectic week here in which they—

Re-elected their general officers in acclamation. Finley Wilson was not up for re-election, having been renamed to a two-year term last year.

Staged the largest and most colorful parade of its kind ever seen on the Pacific Coast. The parade was smaller than those usually seen in the East.

Paid $3 a piece to hear an address by Dr. Ralph Bunche, but Dr. Bunche did not appear.

Learned that the order took in $212,000 and spent $310,000 so that its operations for the year were $98,000 in the red.

Heard Congressman Jimmy Roosevelt, son of the late President, urge them to vote out of office Republicans who give lip service play to civil rights.

Blushed with shame when the police raided Convention Headquarters at Golden Gate Commandery Hall and confiscated 23 slot machines.

More than 50,000 San Franciscans braved a chilly wind last night to watch the march up Market St. past City Hall.

Led by Mayor E. Robinson and Grand Exalted Ruler J. Finley Wilson, the parade began at 7:30 p.m. Military and naval units, including a helmeted co. from Oakland Army Base and the 4th Air Forces Crack Drill Team participated. Drum majorettes led each of the 20 odd marching units which included the Elks, American Legionaires, Shriners, Ladies Auxiliaries, Chinese Boy Scouts, and Bugle Corps.

Most colorfully attired of the gaily uniformed marchers were men from Oakland's Menelik Temple of the Shrine in scarlet shirts, stockings and fezs with green trousers and gold sashes.

J. Finley Wilson reaffirmed the group's loyalty to the U.S. and urged a widening of the Civil Liberties Campaign, passage of FEPC, and abolition of poll tax and lynching.

Officers Re-elected

The Grand Lodge, Dr. J. Finley Wilson, presiding, and the Grand Temple, Dtr. Ruler Mrs. Elizabeth Ross Gordon, held a joint session, which was addressed by Mayor Robinson, who extended a formal welcome to the city. The Grand Lodge received illuminating reports and recommendations from the Grand Exalted Ruler, the Grand Secretary, James E. Kelley of Birmingham, Ala.; Judge William C. Hueston, Grand Commissioner of Education, who were re-elected by acclamation, after addresses extolling them highly had been made by Herbert E. Jones, Grand Loyal Knight, and Roscoe C. Simmons who electrified the delegates.

Mr. Wilson, holding a two-year term, did not come up for re-election. Thomas E. Greene, Akron Ohio grand treasure; and Mrs. Elizabeth Ross Gordon, of Washington, D.C., national head of the temple, the auxiliary to the lodge, also were re-elected.

The convention considered Houston, Chicago, Buffalo, Philadelphia and Atlantic City for the next convention.

Deficit $98,000

The committee on credentials reported more than 508 delegates and Grand Lodge officers in attendance. Secretary Kelley's report showed: Receipts, $212,681.29; expenditures, $310,158.09; brought forward, $255,312.54; a balance of $159,835.74, and a total worth of $396,000, which included, as of July 31 last, the Grand Shrine structure, New York, taxed for $150,000.

May Turn it Over

Formal announcement was made of the recent purchase of the John Brown Farm at Harper's Ferry, containing nearly 200 acres, by Dr. Wilson and Judge Hueston, who "may" turn it over to the Grand Lodge ultimately as a Mecca for patriotic and grateful Negroes.

Judge Reynolds advocated strongly all possible support for Federal Employment Commission legislation, and announced that in a recent trip through the South he had found the population practically unanimous for fighting with all their might for their rights.

Telegrams of congratulation were received from Governor Driscoll of New Jersey and from Chairman Gabrielson, newly-elected head of the Republican National Committee.

George W. Murray of Baltimore, was warmly applauded when he spoke in support of the Education Commission.

Lionel Hampton and his band led the rocking Cavalcade of Jazz program held at Civic auditorium. Other bands jumping at the big jive jamboree were Jack McVea, Cecil Gant, and King Cole.

Bunche Absent

Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, head of the UN trusteeship division, last week missed a scheduled speaking engagement.

Speaking in place of Dr. Bunche was Roscoe Conkling Simmons of Chicago. No explanation of the absence of the famed diplomat has been announced. Only four days before he was to speak here, Dr. Bunche appeared at a dinner in Los Angeles sponsored by Hollywood leaders for the NAACP.

The disappointed public was charged as high as $3 admission to hear Dr. Bunche talk.

6,000 Visitors

More than 6,000 members of the IBPOEW have registered here for the week-long convention. They represent 2,400 lodges and temples throughout the nation. Highlights of the convention so far have been a series of civil liberties meetings, the gala parade and the cavalcade of jazz.

James Roosevelt, son of the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt, headed the speakers in the civil liberties meetings. He stated to his audience in the Civic auditorium:

"You cannot win this fight alone. You must have the support of every patriotic group in the United States. The enemies of democracy hail with glee any instance of lynching, poll taxes, or inequality."

He went on to denounce jimcrowism and urged delegates to oust from government those who give lip service only to civil rights.

Surprise Police Raid

Cause of the surprise police raid was the presence of 23 slot machines which were confiscated. Elks officials denied responsibility for the machines which were installed before the convention officially opened.

The force behind the presence of the "one-armed bandits" is credited to S. W. Corlett, white ex-convict from Alcatraz, the general chairman of the convention. Numerous persons are accusing Corlett of using the convention to "milk" visitors for his own personal benefit.

Elks to 'Chi' in '50

Raid Headquarters; Finley Is Still Boss

By E. F. JOSEPH
(Courier Staff Correspondent)

SAN FRANCISCO—Denying any connection with the presence of twenty-three slot machines in the basement of the Grand Lodge meeting hall, which brought on a police raid, the IBPOEW closed its annual sessions here Friday night and chose Chicago for the 1950 convention. Delegates representing 960 lodges and 840 temples attended the week-long sessions.

More than six thousand delegates and visitors registered during the convention.

As usual, the biggest feature of the Elk meeting was the annual parade, which was led this year by San Francisco's Mayor Elmer E. Robinson and the ailing Grand Exalted Ruler J. Finley Wilson.

A number of white units, civil, military and naval, took part in the colorful parade, which wended its way up Market Street from the famed Ferry Building past the reviewing stand at the Civic Center. Approximately fifty thousand persons braved a chilly wind to watch the parade.

Winding up his twenty-seventh year as head of the biggest Negro fraternal order in the world, Mr. Wilson was re-elected for another term, along with his entire cabinet. August E. Bradley of San Francisco was elected to replace the late Jay Chavez of Tacoma, Wash., as grand esquire.

ELKS RAP BIAS

The Elks passed the usual resolutions condemning racial discrimination and declaring themselves in favor of a broader program for civil liberties and economic expansion. Dr. Wilson urged the establishment of building and loan associations by Negroes in major cities to aid in the purchasing or building of homes.

The Grand Lodge approved the undertaking of a major project in the establishment of another Elk shrine, this one at Harper's Ferry, W. Va., on the site of the John Brown farm, which was purchased last year by Mr. Wilson and Judge William C. Hueston of Washington, D. C., director of the Elks' educational department.

The project embraces the erection of a tower with a beacon light, and designation of certain days on which homage will be paid to the abolitionist leader. The farm takes in 256 acres of land with five springs on the property. It will become a recreational center, the Elks said.

RE-ELECT MRS. GORDON

Meeting simultaneously with the Grand Lodge was the Grand Temple—the women's division of the Elks. The women re-elected Mrs. Elizabeth R. Gordon of Washington, as grand daughter ruler; Mrs. Beuna Kelley Perry, Norfolk, Va., grand secretary, and Mrs. Elizabeth Kimbrough, Brooklyn, N. Y., as grand treasurer. Mrs. Pendar Brown of Philadelphia was elected grand recorder.

During the convention, the Elks went to the War Memorial Auditorium, where they filed by fifty-nine United Nations' flags and affixed their signatures to a copy of the UN Charter. It was here the UN was formed.

FINLEY MISSES AFFAIRS

Suffering from a painful foot ailment, the grand exalted ruler did not attend the annual grand ball or the national bathing beauty contest. The bathing beauty contest was won by Miss Joyce Monroe of Oakland, Calif.

Miss Mary Fizer of Oklahoma City, Okla., won the Elks' oratorical contest, which carried a prize of a four-year college scholarship, the J. Finley Wilson trophy and $150 in cash. Other contestants included Norman Amaker of New York, Norman Thomas of Memphis, William Brown of Washington, D. C., and contestants from Cincinnati and Seattle.

Lionel Hampton's band featured the week's activities with his brilliant music. "The Hamp" was named grand bandmaster of the IBPOEW.

DR. BUNCHE DISAPPOINTS

Disappointment surrounded the scheduled appearance of UN Palestine Mediator Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, who failed to appear for a speech he was supposed to make to the Elks. His place was taken by Roscoe Conkling Simmons noted Chicago orator. James Roosevelt, hinted to be a candidate for Governor of California on the Democratic ticket next year, also addressed the Elks, and urged the ousting of politicians who "only give lip service."

The police raid on the Commandery Hall basement, where the slot machines were confiscated, resulted in the arrest of William Braver, 35. He was charged with a misdismeanor for possessing the machines. The Elks denied any connection with the affair.

Marchers Take Hours to Pass

Leaders Re-elected by Council, Court

BALTIMORE—Undaunted by scattered showers, 1500 Knights of Pythias attracted overflow crowds of spectators here Thursday for a gala parade, which climaxed their 35th biennial convention and a week of activities.

Baltimoreans, young and old, sat, stood and peered from windows along the parade route, as early as two hours before the colorful marchers were scheduled to pass their locations.

Traffic along the 84-block route was re-routed or held up by uniformed police so the marchers could pass.

Immediately after the parade, which lasted two hours and covered almost six miles, members of the Dramatic Knights of Omar and ladies of the Court of Calanthe hastily reassembled at the Pythian Castle, 1432 Pennsylvania Ave., and New Metropolitan Baptist Church, Mosher and McCulloh Sts., in an effort to conclude formal business.

Pending the completion of business, supreme lodge and court members disbanded today (Friday). Detroit, Mich., has been selected as the cite of the 1951 convention.

Young, Old in Line

Banners and insignia identified marchers from at least 14 States, the Bahamas and Cuba. Among those marching were cadets of the order, five and six years old, and veterans from the early 1900's, whose ages scaled from 65 to 80.

Only four marchers were forced to retire to the ambulance, en route to the reviewing stand at Myrtle and Argyle Aves. A half hour was required for the parade to pass one point.

An official car, bearing staff officers, was first in line of march. Its leading figure was Maj. Gen. James E. Allen, Philadelphia, major general of the order's uniformed rank.

Staff on Horseback

Next in line came the supreme chancellor's staff and the supreme chancellor, R. A. Hester of Dallas, Tex.

Following nine companies of colorfully-clad members of the uniformed rank came the major general's staff—in blue and gold—on horseback.

After them the parade stretched farther than the eye could see.

There were flag-bearers, drum and bugle corps, 35 and 40-piece bands, cadets, nurses, drum majorettes, turban-clad members of three Egyptian temples(one of the order's mystic divisions) and nine companies from Baltimore.

Near the end of the parade, six veteran delegates from Doko, Md., rode in a horse-drawn hansom cab.

The convention — the first the Pythians have held in Baltimore since 1913—opened on Sunday evening with a memorial service at Enon Baptist Church. Homage was paid to the 927 dead; and greetings were extended on behalf of the city by William Beuchelt the mayor's secretary.

Closed sessions were held as formal business opened Monday in the Pythian Castle and Metropolitan Baptist Church.

Given Key to City

Officials received the key to the city from the Mayor's office on Tuesday; and their twilight cruise down the Cheasapeake Bay was held that evening.

Unanimously returned to office, with a "well done" for the preceeding years, were the following supreme council officers:

R. A. Hester, supreme chancellor,, Dallas, Texas; A. G. Gaston, supreme vice-chancellor, Birmingham, Ala.; A. S. Jackson, past supreme chancellor, Washington; J. W. Hair, supreme prelate, Jackson, Miss.; J. Allen Reese, supreme lecturer, Venice, Calif.; T. G. Nutter, supreme master of exchequer, Charleston, W. Va.;

J. Will Cooper, supreme keeper of records and seal, Dertoit; W. H. Randolph, supreme master at arms, Jackson, Miss.; A. B. Broady, supreme inner guard, Jefferson City, N.J.; G. W. Williams, supreme outer guard, Boston, Mass.; James E. Allen, major general, Philadelphia, Pa.; and S. D. McGill, supreme attorney, Jacksonville, Fla.

Women's Election

Election of officers by the Supreme Court of the Daughters of Calanthe on Wednesday returned 10 persons to their posts, and resulted in two replacements.

Conducted by Sir A. G. Gaston, supreme worthy counsellor, the election also marked the division of the duties of the supreme registrar of deeds and receiver of deposits.

Mrs. Rose E. Hoard of East St. Louis, Illinois, will retain the position of supreme registrar of deeds; while Mrs. Cora Burke of Knoxville, Tenn., will work for the next two years as receiver of deposits.

Mrs. Burke, former supreme worthy inspectrix, was replaced by Mrs. V. A. Bradford of Banham, Texas, former supreme worthy orator. The latter post went to Mrs. Lena Holmes of Albion, Mich.

Other Officers Named

Mrs. Holmes' post of supreme worthy conductress, will be taken by Mrs. Luna Lane of Indiana.

Other calanthe officers are:

Mesdames Lola Mack, Bluefield, W. Va., supreme worthy inspector; Rosa Blocker, NYC, supreme worthy escort; Beatrice Sellers, Los Angeles, supreme worthy senior directress; Adeline Terrell, Columbus, Ohio, supreme worthy junior directress;

Mesdames Lula Richardson, Baltimore, supreme worthy assistant conductress; Estella Young, Meridan, Miss., supreme worthy herald; Sarah Strattman, Boston, supreme worthy protector; Edna Stewart, Pittsburgh, supreme worthy lecturer; Miss Mattie Rowe, Birmingham, supreme juvenile matron; and Ethel Minton, New Rochelle, N.Y., supreme musical director.

Urge Civic Awareness

In his first official address to the Supreme Court in his capacity of supreme worthy counsellor, after er re-election, Sir Gaston pointed out the value of fraternal groups in providing its members with an understanding of the use of politics and self government.

He spoke of the needs of colored Americans striving for full citizenship and developing strength to assume its full responsibilities.

"We should always be loyal to our country and defend it against all foes. We should fight our salvation out within the framework of our America," he said.

$4,000 Balance in Bank

The report of Mrs. Rose Hoard, registrar of deeds and receiver of deposits showed a bank balance of $4,651.09 for the period ending July 31, 1949.

There are some 28 jurisdictions of the Supreme Court represented at the sessions. The total membership, according to Mrs. Hoard, includes some 35,000 women.

1200 At Banquet

Mrs. Anna W. Taylor, general vice-chairman of the Supreme Convention Committee, presided at the banquet held in the Castle on Wednesday and attended by some 1200 persons.

Urge Civil Legislation

Resolutions urging Congressional enactment into law of those portions of the Democrat and Republican plats calling for the elimination of the poll tax, job discrimination, and segregation, were among those adopted by the Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias on Thursday.

The body also approved federal aid to education, witholding of government funds for housing construction to those states which engage in racial discrimination, and the granting of full and equal privileges to al persons in the District of Columbia.

Prince Hall Masons Buy Estate For $500,000

Journal and Guide, Norfolk, Va. Jan. 3-10-44

NEW YORK — New York State Prince Hall Masons, by acquiring the $500,000 964 acre Muriel H. Wurts-Dundas estate in Sullivan and Delaware counties near Roscoe, will soon have a haven for aged and needy Prince Hall Masons and their widows and orphans.

Title to the property was received on an all cash basis last Monday with the Einirip Corporation of 135 Broadway as the broker. On the estate, beautifully landscaped and nestling among the hills of the state's most healthful section ,is a 36-room mansion with eight bath rooms, marble halls, and all modern improvements.

Built a few years ago, this mansion has never been occupied. The estate also has two 14 room houses, one equipped as an all-year house with two fire places and oil heat. There are barns, a garage, and several smaller houses.

OTHER PLANS

Acquisition of this large estate marks another milestone in the progress of the New York Prince Hall Masons under the leadership of Louis Fair Jr., grand master for the past six years.

Five years ago these masons bought the McKinley Masonic Temple at 454 West 155th street, valued at that time at $300,000, and now considered one of the best equipped places of its kind in the country.

Three years ago the masons bought the eight city lots adjoining the Temple on West 155th street. It is temporarily used as a parking lot.

APARTMENT SCHEDULED

After the Roscoe project has been made a going concern, the lodge plans to erect on the lots on West 155th street a $1,000,000, twelve story apartment house, the grand master said.

Charles T. Magill, public relations director for the lodge, said that the forthcoming 104th Grand Lodge session, scheduled to be held in Jamestown, June 18, would likely be the order's most successful.

It will show a remarkable increase in membership in lodges throughout the state, he stated. Stress will be on the fact that the Negro, under aggressive and honest leadership, will better his condition, and race, at the annual communication, Mr. Magill said.

Award Scholarships To 19 Children Of Deceased Ala. Master Masons

Defender also Q. sol. Sat. 10-8-49

MONTGOMERY, Ala.—Nineteen children of deceased Master Masons of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons (Prince Hall Affiliation), Jurisdiction of Alabama, have been awarded tuition scholarships to cover their tuition up to a maximum amount of $100 to attend six Alabama colleges for the current term of 1949-50, according to announcement released by Dr. R. Councill Trenholm, deputy grand master and chairman of the Committee on educational scholarships. 45a

The nine students approved to attend Alabama State College are Adeal Inez Bruce of Linden; Carrel Kenneth Gargle of Hillsboro; Juanita Gibson of Brundidge; Christine H. Gunn of Clanton; Pauline Odith Harper of Marion; Willie Mozelle Mallard of Brewton; Gertrude Merriwether of Tuscaloosa; Mary Ellen Toney of Ozark; and Zenobia Maye Witt of Livingston.

The four students approved to attend Tuskegee Institute are Mattie Pearl Bennett of Greenville; Edith M. Martin of Auburn; Will Howard Pride of Courtland, and Annie Pearl Robbins of Midway.

Other Approvals

The two sudents approved to attend Stillman College are Sarah McAlpine of Boligee, and Venora Stephens of Samantha.

The two students approved to attend Alabama A. and M. College are Zebedee Rutledge of Sprott, and Eerlean Stone of Huntsville.

Ethel Pearl Norwood of Montevallo, has been approved to attend Daniel Payne College and Gwendolyn A. Dubose of Fairfield, has been approved to attend Talladega College.

The A. F. and A. M. of Alabama with a membership in excess of 42,000 as the largest Negro Masonic jurisdiction in the United States began this program of college tuition scholarships to the children of deceased Master Masons 10 years ago and has paid out $8,439.21 for such aid. Atty. Charles V. Hendley of Huntsville, is the grand master for the Alabama jurisdiction.

Jersey Masons Buy $100,000 Building For Grand Temple

NEWARK, N. J.—Prince Hall Masons of New Jersey are acquiring a building here for a temple and headquarters of Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of New Jersey.

The organization, one of the oldest in the country, stemed directly from African Lodge 459, founded by Prince Hall in Boston, Mass., in 1774.

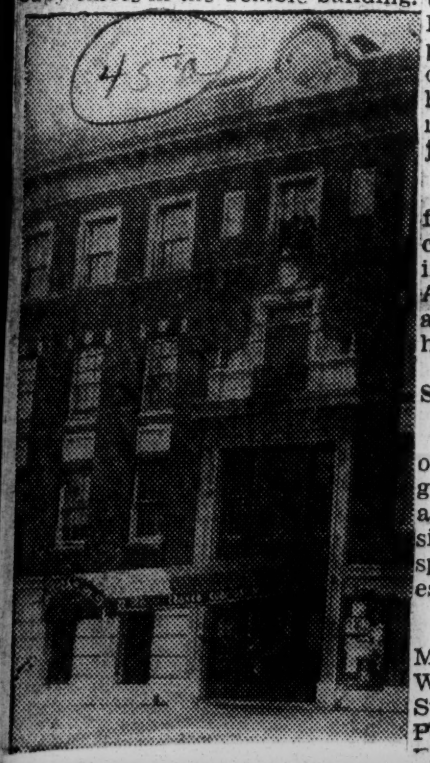
The Prince Hall Temple Association of New Jersey, Inc., has entered into a contract to buy the $100,000 Graham building at 188 Belmont ave. The four story, fireproof structure contains three auditoriums, four smaller meeting halls, four offices and a grill.

Most Worshipful Grand Master Edward T. Bowser, Sr., the Temple Association and its legal advisors, Attorneys J. Leroy Jordan, J. Mercer Burrell, and Logan W. McWilson, have completed all preliminary transactions with the owners, Henry Graham and Dugout, Inc.

The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge will move into the building in June during its 101st Annual Grand Communication, the week of June 19. Ozial Chapter, Order of Eastern Stars will holds its annual session following the Grand Lodge.

The new owners' program includes use of the facilities by all affiliated bodies of Prince Hall Masonary, the Grand Chapter and subordinate chapters of Eastern Stars as well as the new Junior Masonic organization, the Pythagarons.

The entire official staff of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge will occupy offices in the Temole building.



NEW MASONIC TEMPLE

Major activities of the coming year are planned around charitable and benelovent purposes, both fraternal and public.

Lavish Greetings Extended Prince Hall Grand Masters

Mayor Among Dignitaries On Program

By WILLIAM A. FOWLKES

The Prince Hall Grand Masters' Conference was officially welcomed to Atlanta Tuesday night in a mass meeting at Wheat Street Baptist Church, the Rev. William Holmes Borders, president.

With Georgia Grand Master J. W. Dobbs, presiding, leaders of the government, business, educational and fraternal life of the Gate City extolled the virtues of the Georgia metropolis while opening up the doors of all institutions to the visitors.

A well received welcome on behalf of Masons of Georgia was extended by Dr. X. L. Neal, Deputy Grand Master, who covered the many accomplishments of Negroes within the total structure of the city. The Rev. William Holmes Borders, host pastor, extended welcome on behalf of churches, who warned that "man has not mastered himself" and that religion is trying to do the needed job.

Mayor William B. Hartsfield officially welcomed the group for the city, stating that "all that goes on in Georgia is not representative of Atlanta." The Mayor extolled the accomplishments of Negro citizens here.

SCHOOLS, BUSINESS

President William A. Fountain, Jr. of Morris Brown College, extended greeting in behalf of the colleges and schools, while L. D. Milton, president of Citizens Trust Company, spoke in behalf of Negro business establishments.

Others extending greetings were Mrs. Mary L. Ayers, of Savannah, Worthy Grand Matron of Eastern Stars in Georgia, and the Rev. C. W. Peters, exalted ruler of Gate City Elks Lodge.

Attorney Cornelius R. Richardson, Grand Master of Indiana and president of the conference, led the response of visitors who arrived from every part of the nation for the meeting.

The Prince Hall Masonic Glee Club, H. J. Furlow, director, made its appearance and was well received by the gathering. Members of the several orders and crafts sat in reserved sections about the church.

The Grand Masters' Conference begins business sessions this morning in the Masonic Temple. A barbecue for the visiting brethren will be given this afternoon at Lincoln Country Club. A banquet for the visitors will be given Thursday night at Butler Street YMCA.

This Is Fraternalism At Its Very Best

FEW things of recent occurrence establish the solid character of the great bulk of fraternal organizations so well as the cash purchase by the Prince Hall Masons of New York state of a 964-acre estate for $500.000, to be used as a haven for aged and needy members and their widows and orphans.

Only a few years ago the same organization purchased a $300,000 building in New York City for its temple and later bought eight adjoining lots on which it plans eventually to erect a 12-story apartment expected to cost a million dollars.

Not all of our organizations have been comparably frugal, nor as generously motivated in the disposition of such funds as are accumulated by wise investments, membership fees, and income from special projects. The Prince Hall Masons of New York state have exhibited able management and humane impulses.

All of that can be recognized without distracting from the good work of other fraternal societies.

The Shriners, also a Masonic body, have their Cancer and TB Foundation and other charitable projects. Dozens of others have local and national projects designed to help deserving students, needy families, crippled children and underprivileged men and women. Quite a number of them actively promote or support movements to increase voting and to decrease discrimination.

These are example of fraternalism in its best and truest form.

ed by Mr. Day, sang several selections.

The annual sermon was delivered by Sir, Rev. W. T. Couch, Grand Prelate.

Sir Taylor C. D. Hayes was master of ceremonies and H. R. C. Arnold, P. D. G. M. presented the Grand Lodge Officers.

Rev. L. O. Taylor, pastor of Olivet gave the closing remarks and told the assembly that the facilities of the church were open to them at any time.

Business meeting of the Grand Lodge are being held at the Masonic Temple, 198 South 4th Street and the O. E. S. members are conducting their business sessions at

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Masons Invade Memphis For 79th Annual Meet

Approximately one thousand delegates, from the length and breadth of the state of Tennessee, thronged Olivet Baptist Church Sunday afternoon for the opening public pro-gram of the annual Grand Communication of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall of Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and Excelsior Grand Chapter, O. E. S.

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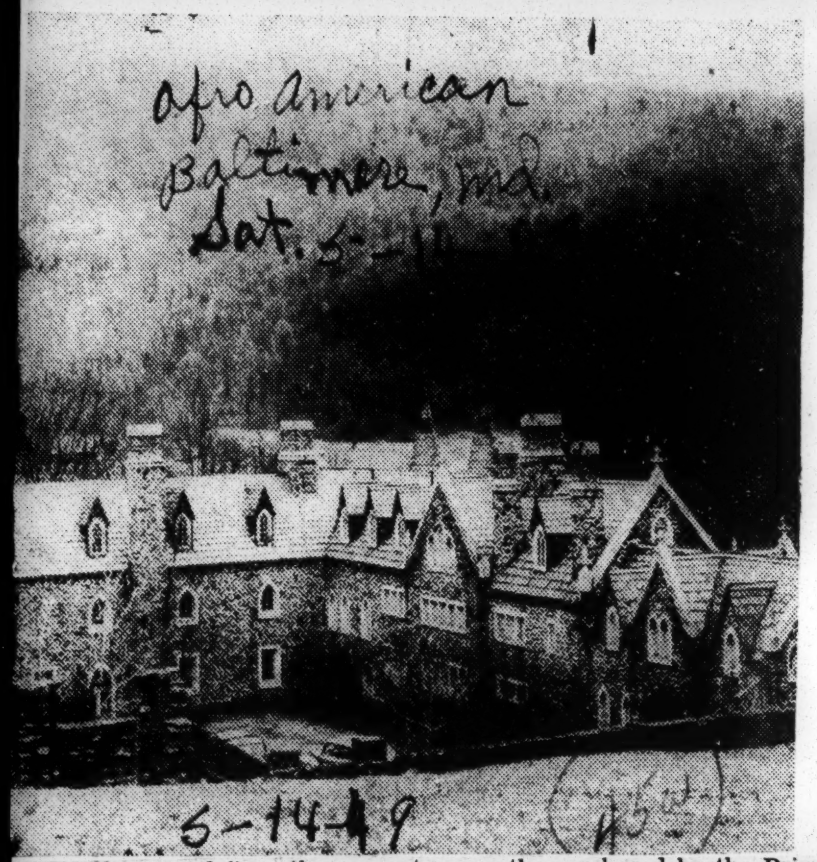
36-Room Mansion for N. Y. Masons



This is the "castle" on the property recently purchased by the Prince Hall Masons of New York State. It has never been occupied. The 36 rooms, with eight baths, marble halls, and other facilities offer immense possibilities for the fraternal order which will occupy it.

Masons Hold Grand Meet At Atlanta

ATLANTA, Ga.—The 80th Annual Grand Communication of the Most Worshipful Price Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Georgia, was held June 14, 15, and 16 at August. Grand Master John Wesley Dobbs presided.

One hundred twelve thousand dollars in real estate, without mortgages, and a cash balance of $105,460.71 were reported on hand June 1. Several donations to be. eficiaries of deceased Masons and to several charitable causes were voted by the Grand Lodge.

Among theme were: $1,000 to the United Negro College Fund, $100 to the Urban League, $100 to the NAACP, $100 to the American Bible Society. Another $5,000 was transferred to the Prince Hall Masonic Scholarship Fund.

A unanimous election returned the whole staff of officers to their posts. The Grand Lodge will meet in Atlanta in June, 1950. Re-elected officers are: John Wesley Dobbs, Atlanta, m. w. grand master; X. L. Neal, Atlanta, r. w. deputy grand master; L. P. Bohler, Augusta, r. w. senior warden; D. P. Nesbitt, Columbus, r. w. junior warden; Duncan Pringle, Savannah, r. w. grand treasurer; Sol C. Johnson, Savannah, r. w. grand secretary; E. C. Blackshear, Savannah, assistant grand secretary; Joseph Crawford, Atlanta, secretary-treasurer, Masonic Relief Association; R. W. Gadsden, Savannah, chairman committee of F. C.; R. C. Crouch, Moultrie, w. grand chaplain; S. Fuller, Savannah, w. grand decturer; S. J. impson, Waycross, w. grand senior deacon; E. D. McTier, Baxley, w. grand junior deacon; William West, Brunswick, w. grand senior steward; C. J. Reynolds, Baconton, w. grand junior steward; Donald Thomas, Savannah, w. grand marshall; C. L. Stanford, Mansfield, w. grand pursuviant; A. A. Heard, LaGrange, w. grand sword bearer; L. B. Hill, Americus, w. grand tyler; George W. Smith, Brunswick, w. grand chorister.

Shriners to Hold 48th Convention in Detroit

Governor, Mayor to Welcome Delegates; Many Features Set for Week's Session

DETROIT (ANP) —Addresses by nationally known leaders in education, health and public affairs will highlight the 48th Imperial Council sessions of the Shriners in the Art Institute here, Aug. 14-19. They will include:

Jesse O. Thomas, American Red Cross; Dr. Roscoe C. Brown, U. S. Public Health Service, Washington; Dr. Paul B. Cornely, medical director, Freedmen's Hospital, Washington, D. C.; Moss H. Kendrix, legislative assistant, National Education Association; and Joseph F. Albright of the Veterans' Administration.

Governor, Mayor to Speak

Gov. G. Mennen Williams of Michigan, and Mayor E. Van Antwerp of Detroit will welcome the delegates and visitors from over 142 temples at the public meeting on Aug. 15.

The convention will officially open, Aug. 14 with memorial services at Ebenezer AME church. Imperial high priest and prophet, Dr. Charles E. Stewart, New York City, will deliver the oration.

Music will be provided by the Bishop Howard Z. Plummer's Chanters from Portsmouth, Va., and the Sahara Court choir of Pittsburgh.

To Honor Potentate

The 10th anniversary of the administration of Imperial Potentate Raymond E. Jackson will be celebrated. Mr. Jackson's regime began here in Detroit in 1939.

One of his outstanding achievements is the establishment of the Shriners' Tuberculosis and Cancer Foundation. Wilberforce State College conferred the honorary degree of Doctor of Humanties upon him last June.

Other Activities

Other convention activities will include a full-dressed parade on Wednesday; a bathing beauty contest and talent pageant; patrol drill contests; the Imperial Potentate's ball; and tours to industrial plants.

Marracci Temple No. 13, the convention host, is headed by Booker T. Alexander, imperial promotional director, and the convention committee is headed by Noble William O. Greene.

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Harvard Units Ban Discrimination

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 20—(AP)—The Harvard University Student Council voted 7-6 last night to ban discrimination for "color, race or nationality" in the membership of all college organizations.

The council also voted to ask the university to protest against the so-called loyalty oath required by the Navy from candidates for naval reserve officers' training.

Proponents of the anti-discrimination measure said adoption would make it possible to put it into the charters of student organizations.

Opponents of the loyalty oath objected to it on the ground that it required students to report "others" suspected of being members of subversive organizations.

This provision, they said, would encourage "stool pigeons" and victimize many who were innocent.

Praised for Campus Ruling Against Bias

BOSTON, Mass.—President of the University of Connecticut, Dr. Albert N. Jorgensen, was commended by Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity for his announcement which barred from his campus, Greek-letter organizations "which practice discrimination because of race, religion, or national origin."

WITHIN OWN RANKS

U-M Fraternities Fight Race Bias

BY FREDERICK B. SCHOTT

Free Press Special Writer

ANN ARBOR—Fraternities and sororities at the University of Michigan are taking a close look at themselves for probably the first time in campus history.

The Inter-Fraternity Council and Pan-Hellenic Association, student-run governing bodies of affiliated groups, have taken it upon themselves to fight race prejudice in their own ranks.

The immediate goal of the Greek letter organizations is to remove discriminatory clauses in their national charters which say, in effect: "No Jews, No Negroes."

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APPROXIMATELY one-half of the 55 local chapters has such clauses in constitutions.

Already during the current school year, several houses have passed resolutions calling for the elimination of the restriction in their national chapters.

The centers of opposition to prejudice in each house are the veterans, especially those who had not been in school before the war.

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WARNER JENNINGS, a former Eighth Air Force pilot from Benton Harbor and vice president of Theta Chi Fraternity, summed it up this way:

"As far as I'm concerned, the restrictions clause is the one sore point in the fraternity system—that's where the rest of the campus can really hit us."

"If the University clamped down tight on us on that score, most of us would be secretly glad of it."

After a semester's work of arming themselves with facts, the Inter-Fraternity Council plans to tell this year's meeting of all college fraternities in October how things stand at the University.

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IFC MEMBERS say that eventually enough pressure will build up on a country-wide basis to force national chapters to take out the restrictions.

As far as the University is concerned, authorities could force fraternities and sororities here to drop the racial barriers by refusing to recognize them.

However, the University's attitude has always been that a "reform, or else" edict would only encourage fraternities and sororities to evade the rule.

The affiliated organizations have also joined with a campus-wide group, known as the Committee to End Discrimination, to oppose prejudice both at the University and in Ann Arbor.

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TARGETS of the Committee are rooming houses, restaurants, amusement places, barber shops, and the University's admissions policy.

Ann Arbor landladies, many of whom do not rent rooms to foreign students, according to the University Board of Control of Student Housing, will be included in the Committee's study.

Local barbers will be under fire for the second time. Last year students maintained picket lines for several weeks in front of campus shops.

The list of organizations in the Committee includes the American Veterans Committee, Wallace Progressives, Student Legislature, Association of Independent Men, and The Inter-Racial Association.

With the addition of the IFC and Pan-Hellenic Councils, this marks the formation of the first representative student group at the University to attack discrimination.

Good Going

WE had just about decided that college fraternities have no place in the life of an adult and precious little in life of a student. We changed our mind when six of them,—AKA, APA, PBS, SGR, OST, and ZPB,—decided to put in $2500 apiece annually, pool their strength and support a real Washington lobby. Since then, Kappa, one of the holdouts has come in, but Omega is still being stubborn, apparently waiting to see whether to get on the bandwagon or say "I told you so."

Elmer Henderson, the paid Washington lobbyist of the new combined organization (American Council on Human Rights) is registered as lobby law requires and is already throwing the weight of the combined membership around to good advantage. The membership represents college trained and presumably educated Negroes and contrary to cries of critics does not duplicate work of the NAACP Washington lobby and its lobbyist Leslie Perry. It gives instead a needed assist.

Action of the lobbyist is given general direction by an on-the-scene Executive Committee and we feel happy about the whole thing, except about the Q's attitude. Oh yes, Phi Delta Kappa, the Teachers' sorority, is coming in too.

Both Groups Convene In Washington

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Dr. William Stuart Nelson, Howard University's dean, will be the principal speaker on December 27, at 8 o'clock, at Banneker Junior High School, Ninth and Eucild Streetc, Northwest, at an open meeting, jointly sponsored by the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, and Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity. The meeting will be open to the public.

Both Greek letter bodies are holding Christmas week conclaves at the National Capital. Phi Delta Kappa teachers, headed by Supreme Basileus Olivia S. Henry, of Philadelphia, will observe their twenty-sixth anniversary. Dr. R. O. Johnson, of Washington, D. C. is National President of Beta Sigma which will be meeting for its Thirty-Fifth Annual Conclave.

Dr. Nelson, presently serving as Acting President of Howard University, during the absence in India, of President Mordecai Wyatt Johnson, is widely known as an authority in the field of human relations. He has travelel extensively in West and Central Europe and in India, where he served for two years as a representative of the American Friends Service Committee, working closely with the late Indian leader Mohandas Ghandi, and made a lengthy tour of Indian colleges and universities Dr. Nelson is the author of a number of articles and monographs, including "The Christian Way in Race Relations, published by Harper and Bros. in 1948. He was formerly Dean of Howard University's School of Religion. Phi Delta Kappa sorors have taken HUMAN RELATIONS IN A CHANGING WORLD as the theme for their forthcoming conclave.

Artists who will be heard at the open meeting are pianists Lottie Chase and Doris Holland, soloists Charles Fleming and Otis Holley and Albert Burgess, violinist. The program for this meeting is under the direction of Sorors Deliah Williams, a founder and Ruby E. Duffey.

An executive session on Monday December 26, will precede the opening of the Conclave at ten o'clock Tuesday morning.

As previously, all business sessions will be held at Carver Hall, where the workshops on Human Relations and Remedial Reading, directed by Soror Dorothy H. Sayles, of the Loran School. in Washington. will be held. Educational and recreational exhibits preparted by Sorors Gladys Watson, Bernice Coleman and Bessie Parker, will be on display.

Supreme Basileus Olivia Henry will present the program of the Sorority over Station WWDC, Washington, at seven o'clock, Wednesday evening, EST. The broadcast will be followtd by the annual banquet, which will be held in the cafeteria of Banneker Junior High School with Soror and founder Julia Barnes of Jersey City, as the guest speaker.

National Honorary Members expected at the banquet are Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, Founder, President Emeritus of Bethune-Cookman College, and of the National Council of Negro Women, Dr. Merze Tate, Professor of Georgraphy at Howard University and Miss Frances Murphy of the Afro-American newspapers. Beta Chapter's choral group, directed by Sor Fabola L. Phillips, will be accompanied by Soror Marcellina Jackson. Banquet arrangements are in charge of Sorors Dorothy Sayles and Iris Brown.

During the banquet at Banneker High School, visiting husbands will be entertained at the residence of Basileus of Beta, Bernice House, Fourteenth and Girard Streets, Northeast, by THE MEN IN OUR LIVES, a local group. Mr. C. C. House, who will be host, is assisting Soror Thelma Baltimore with preparations for this gathering.

A sight-seeing tour, on Wednesday will afford new visitors to Washington an opportunity for a brief view of the Capital.

Sorors Mae Dodson and Miriam Lee are completing plans for the formal dance at the Lincoln Cononade, which will climax the Conclave on Thursday night. Soror Hilda G. Bryant, Conclave Chairman, is program coordinator.

Fraternities Get Together

Greek Lettered fraternities and sororities have been the subject for much unfavorable criticism within the past decade or more. Americans of the more serious turn of mind have characterized these organizations as "juvenile and frivilous"; that they promote snobbishness and encourage class distinction, and that they squander inexcusably large sums of money in parties and frolics, employing high-sounding mottoes as excuses behind which to hide, without ever achieving a forthright social action program from which the community may benefit.

To a limited extent, this criticism may have been justified in years gone by. It has been a fault, particularly in the case of white Greek Lettered organizations, that they veered too much to the frivilous and light-hearted in life without much regards to the weighty issues of the day. And to a lesser degree, Negro organizations have done the same thing.

Nevertheless, there is almost a revolution being wrought today in the composition, makeup and in the leadership philosophy in these organizations. This is particularly true with Negro groups. Each fraternity or sorority promotes a sound social action program. Virtually each one promotes local and national scholarship funds for needy and worthy students, and practically all of them support issues and programs of national significance.

How many Americans, for example, know what the Council on Human Rights stands for? How many Americans know that this organization, headed by Elmer Henderson, is made up of a confederation of Negro fraternities and sororities, pledged to support the Elmer Henderson suit, now before the United States Supreme Court? Many, many thousands of dollars are being poured into this suit by Greek Lettered Negro groups, in addit ion to their other social action programs.

We hope every such organization among Negroes will line up with the Council and remain as a unit, even when the case is won, for there will be many other suits and issues which will require the moral and financial support of our people.

Inter-Frat Conference Votes Bias Clause Repeal

Resolution Adopted By 36-3 Vote; Many Had No Provisions

WASHINGTON, D. C. -- (NPA) -- The National Inter-Fraternity Conference last Saturday adopted a watered-down resolution recommending to national fraternities that they "take such steps as they may elect" to repeal discriminatory clauses that bar fraternity membership because of race or religion.

The committee resolution was adopted by the conference by a vote of 36 to 3. It noted that many fraternities have never had discriminating clauses in the membership provisions of their constitutions.

The resolution cited "fraternities who do have selective provisions" and recommended that they "consider the question in the light of prevailing conditions and take such steps as they may elect to eliminate such selective provisions."

Eighteen of the groups authorized to vote at the conference refrained from voting.

Under pressure of undergraduates from colleges in the Northeast, reinforced by delegates from the Middle West's Big Ten, last Friday forced consideration of a resolution to abolish discriminating clauses after the issue apparently had been shelved.

The resolution was introduced as a climax to a day of parliamentary maneuvering by which undergraduate delegates said they were prevented by conference rules from presenting any motions.

About forty undergraduates from the Northeastern Interfraternity Conference and delegates from Bucknell University of West Virginia, Michigan State College, the University of Minnesota and others held a "rump" session.

The "rump" session endorsed a resolution urging that "discriminating clauses in the organic law of fraternities should be repealed." They then sought to find a graduate officer of one of the national fraternities to offer the resolution.

The issue apparently was shelved, but a plea by Alexander Goodman of Baltimore, executive secretary of the Phi Alpha Fraternity, that it would be good public relations to ask national fraternities to remove discriminatory clauses kept it alive.

An annual report issued earlier by the conference chairman, Judge Frank H. Myers of the Municipal Court of the District of Columbia, had declared the matter closed.

At the final business session last Friday, however, Mr. Goodman read the resolution that had been drafted at the undergraduates' caucus. Judge Myers referred it to the resolutions committee "where it will take its usual course."

The resolution adopted last Saturday stated that the issue of discrimination is of concern to "many interested persons." Membership in fraternities, it said, is a question of individual responsibility of the groups themselves.

Sen. Humphrey's Blast at Intolerance

The Afro American

Highlight of Alpha Phi Alpha Parley

Baltimore, Md.

500 Convention Delegates Welcomed to Shore for 34th Session Here; 'Must' Congress Slate

Sat. 1-8-49

ATLANTIC CITY (NNPA) — U.S. Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (Dem., Minn.) declared here last Tuesday night that Russia has armed itself with a secret weapon — American intolerance.

Speaking at the public meeting on the Steel Pier to 1000 delegates and friends of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity's 34th annual convention, Senator Humphrey named "fulfillment and guarantee of civil rights" as one of the five "musts" for the 81st Congress.

Humphrey, who helped draft the Democratic platform told the fraternity's delegates, "The Soviet's secret weapon in Asia is our basic intolerance of colored people and Russia's willigness to use the efforts of all people.

Backs Liberal Platform

He named four other "musts" for the 81st Congress.

1. Education — "I believe in federal aid to education," he said. "Not $300,000,000, but more. It is the answer to bigotry and intolerance, and there can be no compromise. If compromise was what the people wanted they would have elected the Republicans." cans."

2. Social security — "I believe Americans are entitled to social security for all. The act should be broadened to include other workers. Benefits should be increased and some type of health insurance should be included as a necessity."

3. Housing — " I believe every American is entitled to have a place to live — not a dump." He advocated both public and cooperative housing and slum clearance.

4. Protection of natural resources — "I believe every American has a stake in them," he said. "And this means a program of reforestation, river and valley development, and soil conservation."

The 500 Alpha delegates to the convention and an equal number of local people attended the reception staged by the Atlantic City Citizens Committee on Dec. 28, in the ballroom of Convention Hall, which followed the big public meeting on Steel Pier.

The final business sessions of the convention were held last Thursday at the New Jersey Ave. School. The morning session included reports from various committees. Founders, delegates and distinguished visitors were introduced at the afternoon session.

The annual banquet was held Wednesday night at the Copacabana Club on the Boardwalk. The principal address was made by James C. Evans, civilian aide to the Secretary of the Army.

About 200 of the delegates were entertained at an informal smoker on Dec. 27, at the Elks Home by the local entertainment committee, headed by Dr. H. Donald Marshall. Local Alpha wives entertained the visiting wives at a reception at the YMCA.

Williams Hits Compromise In Justice, Equality Fight

Atlanta, Ga. Daily World

Alphas In Third Session Today; Election Slated

BY WILLIAM A. FOWLKES

Alpha Phi Alpha's 35th general convention will enter its third session this morning at Clark College. Principal convention address for the day will be delivered by Attorney Arthur D. Shores, of Birmingham, Ala., who has figured in many prosecution cases involving civil rights in the South.

Also on today's agenda is the nomination of officers of the fraternity. Politics at the national session has been stirring ever since the opening session Wednesday morning.

Wednesday night saw the public program at Wheat Street Baptist Church, the Rev. W. H. Borders, pastor.

WILLIAMS SPEAK

In a far reaching address, Aubrey Williams, liberal white publisher of The Southern Farmer and former head of the NYA, hit those who would compromise or push for a course of gradualism in the Negro's fight for full and complete citizenship.

Williams said there might have been some reason for compromise on the segregation and discrimination issues twenty or thirty years ago, but that the shell has been cracked, that Negroes are entering the state universities of the South and that student and faculty polls show that their entrance to general schools is favored.

"I would rather have shacks where equality and decency and democracy are taught than have all the other finery," Williams declared in pointing out the importance of equality on the American scene. The ex-member of the late President Roosevelt's cabinet circles also said the greatest enemy of Negroes is the kind of liberal who urges caution on everything when there is no need. Negroes need leaders willing to sacrifice themselves unwilling to compromise, Williams asserted.

HITS GRADUALISM

Generally, Williams answered his text-subject, "Does Gradualism Work?" with a very positive and pointed "no". He hit the Southern Regional Plan as concocted by race-baiting governors who wished to circumvent the Supreme Court decisions that equal education for Negroes must be provided. The speaker also called to task Negro and white educators willing to compromise with the plan and its working.

Elmer Henderson, director of the American Council on Human Rights and plaintiff in the case against railway diner segregation explained the work of the council and the significance of his case on the Jim Crow issue.

An elaborate program welcomed the Alphas to Atlanta. Among those delivering welcome addresses were: Mesdames Catherine Johnson, F. Earl McLendon, Louise P. Walker, Gleana Atkins, Clara Lowe; John Wesley Dobbs, W. E. Inmon, Dr. E. C. Mitchell; Dr. Rufus E. Clement, Rev. B. J. Johnson, Rev. William Holmes Borders and C. A. Scott.

Congressman Adam C. Powell and Miss Hazel Scott were not present for the occasion as previously scheduled.

General Alpha President Lawson presided after an introduction by Host Eta Lambda President I. H. Burney. Prof. Curtis Holland, Miss Faustina Hall and the Alabama State Quartet furnished music.

The Alpha Closed Banquet will take place this evening at 7 o'clock in the Atlanta University dining hall. Councilman Theodore Berry, of Cincinnati, Ohio, will deliver the banquet address. Dr. Forrester B. Washington, of Atlanta University School of Social Work, will serve as toastmaster.

The Alpha Kappa Alpha Dance will be held at 10 p. m. at City Auditorium.

This afternoon, beginning at one o'clock the Alpha Auxiliary Bridge Luncheon will be held at Washington High School's Activity Building.

Delta Sigma Theta and Omega Psi Phi entertained the fraters with a dance and breakfast Wednesday night and Thursday morning.

Alphas, Atlanta Welcomes You

The Atlanta Daily World is happy to join that large chorus of Atlantans who are extending words of cordial welcome to the hundreds of delegates, visitors and friends of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity as they gather in our city for their 35th annual conclave.

Atlanta, the capital city of Georgia, is the largest railroad center in the South. It has the largest telephone system in the South and the third largest in the world.

Atlanta is famed for its beautiful homes, splendid retail stores, impressive office buildings, magnificent churches and libraries. A total of 125 Federal Departments and agencies are represented here, 80 of whom employ over 20,000 persons. The great Georgia Power Company, with its 592 busses and trackless trolleys carry over 450,000 passengers daily. A total of 104 passenger trains arrive and depart out of Atlanta daily, serving 15 main lines and 8 separate systems. A total of 160 air-mail and passenger planes arrive and depart from Atlanta each day. Atlanta is 28th in rank among large cities of the nation, 12th in bank clearings and 8th in postal receipts.

Of the 22 colleges making up the Atlanta Educational Center, there are more institutions of higher learning for Negroes than in any other city in the world. Embraced within this great University system are, Clark, Morehouse, Morris Brown, Spelman, Atlanta University, Gammon Theological Seminary, the latter the largest and best trained theological faculty for Negroes anywhere in the world, and the Atlanta University School of Social Work, also the strongest and largest school of Social Work for Negroes in the world.

"Sweet Auburn Avenue," made famous by John Wesley Dobbs and others, nestles and nurses The Atlanta Daily World, the only Negro daily newspaper in the world; Radio Station WERD, the only Negro owned and operated station in the world; The Citizens Trust Company, the only Negro banking house in the world holding membership in the Federal Reserve System, with resources of $4,400,000 and ranking the third largest bank in the nation for Negroes, The Atlanta Mutual Building and Loan Association, with resources of $1,000,000, and The Atlanta Life Insurance Company, founded by the late N. B. Herndon in 1905, has admitted assets of $20,184,552.16, said to be the largest Negro company in the world. The company employs 1,500 Negro men and women, of whom 160 serve at the Home office here. It has capital stock of $2,000,000; surplus of $2.152,511.04, a premium income of $3,674,007.82. It has paid policy-holders in sick and death claims a total of $1,015,055.76, maintains a policy reserve of $10,396,795 and a welfare reserve of $1,437,578.

A recent survey, financed by a special grant from the General Education Board to Atlanta University and participated in by 27 leading Negro colleges and institutions, reveals that Atlanta leads the entire nation in the number of Negro owned and operated business enterprises, with 851, with Washington, D. C. being its closest competitor, with 650 such businesses.

Forgive us if we appear a bit boastful. We are trying only to say that you are welcome into our homes and into our hearts.

Shores to Address Alpha Convention in Atlanta

ATLANTA— Arthur D. Shores, Birmingham attorney, will be the principal convention speaker for the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity at its annual convention here from Dec. 28-30.

Mr. Shores, who is one of those chiefly responsible for the civil rights advance of colored persons in the South in recent years, will be among several noted Americans slated to appear at the Alphas' 35th general convention.

The fraternity is emphasizing the theme, "Segregation Must Go," and is further implementing action in the Henderson Jim Crow dining car case, which it supports and is participating in through its president, Belford V. Lawson, attorney of Washington.

Rep. Powell Public Speaker

Rep. Adam Clayton Powell Jr., (Dem., N.Y.) and Theodore H. Berry, city councilman from Cleveland, are slated to speak at the public meeting set for Wheat St. Baptist Church on Dec. 28.

Also scheduled to speak at this meeting are Aubrey C. Williams, liberal white publisher and former head of the National Youth Administration; and Elmer W. Henderson, director of the American Council on Human Rights.

Hazel Scott, musician wife of Congressman Powell, is programmed for an appearance at the public meeting.

Among the fraternity's "big guns" slated to appear elsewhere on the convention program are Dr. Charles H. Wesley, president of the State College at Wilberforce; and Dr. Rayford W. Logan of Howard University, chairman of the committee on international relations.

Clark College will serve as convention headquarters. Several hundred delegates and visitors are expected.

Alpha Sigma Mu Has First Negro Member

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ST. LOUIS, Mo.—Theodore McMillan, a Negro, has been accepted into Alpha Sigma Mu, national Jesuit honor fraternity, for the first time in history. He is a senior at St. Louis University School of Law.

Dean Paul E. Fitzsimmons stated that Mr. McMillan, was "an outstanding student and a swell boy." Mr. McMillan, 30, was a captain in the Army Signal Corps in World War II. He is leading his class scholastically.

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General

Students Ask Ban on Frat Bias

The Afro American
Baltimore, Md.

Ask Eisenhower to Clear Columbia U.

NEW YORK—In a recent letter to President Dwight D. Eisenhower of Columbia University, members of the Columbia Chapter of the NAACP, requested that fraternities discriminating against students for racial or religious reasons be banned from the campus. Sat.

"Columbia with her widely international, interracial and interdenominational student population is morally and civilly obligated to guarantee to all who study here equality of opportunity in all spheres of student life," wrote Alfred E. Cain, president of the campus NAACP chapter, to Gen. Eisenhower. 1-8-49

Mr. Cain asserted that the suspension of the Amherst College chapter of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity because of that chapter's decision to pledge a colored student has forced all colleges and universities "to examine and either confirm or deny their loyalty to the concept of democratic freedom."

Action Promised

"No student meeting the requirements for admission to Columbia should be denied admission to university fraternities or any other nondenominational clubs because of his nationality, race, or religious convictions," continued Mr. Cain.

In the absence of Gen. Eisenhower, Mr. Cain's letter was answered by University Provost Albert C. Jacobs, who expressed assurance that "the liberal traditions of Columbia and of the nation are of basic importance" to Columbia's president, who will take prompt action.

Geography Fraternity Sets Up First Chapter At Tenn. State College

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NASHVILLE — Tennessee State College became the first Negro institution to have a chapter of Gamma Theta Upsilon, the National Professional Geography Fraternity, when the Alpha Beta Chapter was installed on its campus recently.

Mr. James K. Anthony, geography instructor, was instrumental in bringing the Fraternity to the College. The Chapter was installed by Miss Ruth Hoffman of Peabody College department of geography. Tues 2-22-49

The aims of Gamma Theta Upsilon are to promote a professional interest in geography; encourage high scholarship, and to provide a scholarship fund to further geographic study among its members.

The charter members of Alpha Beta Chapter are Jimmuir Cotton, Bardstown, Ky.; president; Benjamin Saunders, Nashville, Tenn., vice president; Alfonza Butts, Champaign, Ill., secretary; Herman Hyatt, Cleveland, Tenn., treasurer; Eleze E. Bogan, Morris Chapel, Tenn.; Joseph Lujan, Sewanell Tenn.; William H. Brown, Charles Simmons and Paul Thompson, all of Nashville. Faculty personnel who became charter members are Professors James K. Anthony; Princess M. Bowen; Merl R. Eppse, head of the department of history and geography; F. J. D. McKinney, and Mazie O. Tyson.

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Negro Enters Fraternity

First Pledged by Phi Sigma Delta at Wisconsin University

MADISON, Wis., March 24 (AP).—First entrance of a Negro in a University of Wisconsin fraternity was reported today.

Phi Sigma Delta, heretofore all-white social fraternity, announced it had pledged Weathers Sykes, senior chemistry student from Chicago. Sykes accepted the bid.

Phi Sigma Delta is a national fraternity with twenty-two chapters.

Phi Sigma Delta Pledges First Colored Student

By International News Service

MADISON, Wis. — The University of Wisconsin's all-white Phi Sigma Delta Fraternity announced Friday that it has pledged the first Negro student in the history of the school.

He is Weathers York Sykes, 22, of Chicago, a war veteran and a senior chemistry student who plans to remain after his graduation to study for a graduate degree in political science.

Jack Shurman of Milwaukee, a member of the fraternity and a leader of the Interfraternity Racial Council at Madison, said that Sykes was pledged because he is "an all-around good man."

Paul Trump, dean of men, said this was the first time that a Negro student had been pledged to a nall-white fraternity. Before the war there were two Negro fraternities at Wisconsin but now there are none.

Shurman said the national fraternity, comprised of 22 chapters, has no "restrictive" clause in its constitution. He added that Phi Sigma Delta, nominaly a Jewish fraternity, has a membership of 52 men, including some Gentiles.

Sykes was an honor student at Wendell Phillips High School in Chicago from which he was graduated in 1943. He served 23 months in the Army, including duty in Okinawa as a staff sergeant.

Negro Fraternity Erases Color Line

WASHINGTON—(AP)— Howard University's Chi Delta Mu fraternity has broken a 33-year tradition by admitting to membership a white student, Paul Guth of New York.

The chapter is composed of medical, dental and pharmacy students. All other members are Negroes.

Howard University has an enrollment of approximately 7,000 students. Of these, all but about 10 are Negroes.

Atlanta Univ.

Pres. Clement

On Main Body

NEW YORK —(NNPA) — The majority of colleges having national fraternities on their campuses believe that the chapters should have the right to accept or reject colored applicants for membership, Commission on Minority Groups of the Assocation of American Colleges rported to its parent body last Tuesday.

The year-old commission, set up by the association to consider instances of discriminatory policies and "investigate and establish the facts as accurately as possible,' reported the results of a questionnaire sent its members on the question of admission of colored students to so- called white fraternities. Dr. Rufus Clement, president of Atlanta University, is a member of the commission.

The 650 colleges and universities, represented in the association which held a three-day convention at the Commodore Hotel here ending last Wednesday, were asked whether they believed each fraternity should be "free to select its own members without restriction?"

They also were asked, if they so believed, whether they had taken any steps to secure 'this freedom" for the fraternities on their campuses, and, if so, what were the steps and, if not, whether they proposed to take any steps in the near future.

Of the institutions that sent replies, the commission reported, 135 said they had neither fraternities nor sororities, but if there were Greek-letter societies on their campuses they would want them to have freedom of selection.

Of the colleges and universities having fraternities, 115 favored leaving the matter with the chapters and twenty-six wre opposed. Of these 115 institutions, only twenty-four reported that they were taking any steps in the matter, and only eleven said they would probably do something about the matter in the future.

In order to get the desired information the commission said it authorized a member to question the various national fraternities.

As an indication that the question of discrimination already is under discussion, the commission removing them, and three others "ar not considering the question."

The commission said colleges "seem very conscious' of the problem of fraternity mmbership restrictions based on race, and that the "general impression gained from its survey was "encouraging" as regards attempts at elimination of discrimination on campuses, but it noted warnings from member colleges that "such progress is a matter of evolution and than more harm than good can be done by attempts to force the issue too rapidly."

The commission also reported all except twenty-one of the institu-

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tions represented in the association favored combatting discrimination on their campuses through "education and voluntary action" rather than through "cooercive legislation."

On the other hand, 232 presidents of institutions belonging to the association were willing to support repeal of existing legislation banning interracial education.

The commission also reported that thirty-eight institutions have minority group representation on their faculties, including Negroes, Jews Protestants, Catholics and Orientals; that eighty institutions have Jews, Protestants and Catholics on their faculties but no Negroes; that sixty have only Protestant faculties; that forty-eight have faculties made up of Protestants and Catholics only, and forty-two have Jews, Protestants, Catholics and Orientals but no Negroes.

At the final session of the thirty-fifth annual convention of the association last Wednesday. Dr. Clements was renamed a member of the commission. Dr. Fred D. Patterson president of Tuskegee Institute, was named a member of the Committee on Academic Freedom and Academic Tenure.

Matthew S. Davage, secretary of the Departent of Education for Negroes of the Methodist Church, was named a member of the

Commission on Christian Higer Education and Dean S. J. Wright of Hampton Institute was elected a member of the executive committee.

DEMOCRACY ON CAMPUS:

Colleges Want Right to Name Frat Brother

The Afro American

NEW YORK (NNPA)—The majority of the nation's colleges having national fraternities believe that the campus chapter should have the right to admit or reject colored applicants, the Commission on Minority Groups of the Association of American Colleges, reported to its parent organization here last week.

The commission's report was based on answers by members of the association to a questionnaire which contained these four questions:

1. Do you believe that each fraternity ought to be free to select its own members without restriction? 2. If so, have you taken any steps to secure this freedom for the national fraternities existing on your campus?

135 Have No Units

3. "If the reply is affirmative, what steps have been taken?

4. If nothing has been done, do you propose to take such steps in the near future?

The commission reported: "One hundred thrity-five institutions report that they have neither fraternities nor sororities and therefore this particular problem is one they do not have.

"As might be expected, they are largely agreed that if fraternities were in the picture they should want the local chapters to have freedom of selection.

24 Acting on Issue

"Of the colleges with fraternities, 115 are in favor of leaving the matter to the chapter and 26 are not.

"It is interesting to note, however, of the 115, only 24 reports indicate that they are taking any steps in the matter, even to the extent of discussing it; and only 11 express the opinion that they will probably do somthing about

University of Mass. Rules Out Frat Bias

AMHERST, Mass.—The University of Massachusetts last week prohibited racial or religious discrimination by fraternities on its campus. It was understood that six of the fraternities are bound by discrimination clauses in their national constitutions.

Fraternities Go on Trial at Amherst College

By Fred M. Hechinger

FRATERNITIES at our colleges, among the oldest social-academic institutions, are standing a severe trial just now. They have been cursed as incubators of undemocratic snobbery—and worse; they have been hailed as an all-important tail desperately needed to wag the academic dog. They themselves have—nationally—made either extreme to peddle their dogma, biased blunders which have helped the partisans on either extreme to peddle their dogma. Among the colleges confronted with the issue Amherst has taken the brave, scholarly and reasonable step of examining the problem, debating it and offering the findings to all the world in an honest booklet, "Fraternities at Amherst." The action taken may not be final or even a fully satisfactory answer for every campus, but

it serves as a guide.

'Fraternity' College

AMHERST is known as a "fraternity college," with the first local chapter founded in 1832. The campus is surrounded with attractive "frat" houses which claim the membership of more than 90 per cent of the three upper classes and house nearly half of the normal student body of 90. Cooperation with faculty, administration and student council is close and cordial.

Thus the fraternities at Amherst play an important social and community part: they sponsor competition in 15 sports; they conduct forums, talks and debates; they invite outside guests, entertain the faculty, and even play host to children of nearby orphanages on several occasions every year.

They have undoubtedly committed their share of minor and major offenses. After the war the question was raised whether or not the fraternities were to be reopened. The vote was split: the majority of the faculty said "No"; an alumni subcommittee seconded that opinion; but 80 per cent of the alumni favored the retention of the fraternities.

"It is doubtful that the fraternities of any campus have ever been under so complete and careful scrutiny," says the Amherst report. The trustees studied all the findings and decided (1) that the fraternities have failed markedly in recent years to make a positive contribution to college life; (2) that the interests of the college can best be served at this time by a program of radical reform rather than one of abolition, with its inevitable, untried substitutes.

Only If They Fail

ONLY if the new program for Amherst fraternities should fail. "the irrevocable step of abolition (will) be taken." Those familiar with the spirit and tradition of Amherst will doubt that the reform movement could possibly fail.

Among the new conditions for the reopened fraternities are: facilities which will permit all and any student of the three upper classes to join a fraternity if he so desires; a reorganized student council which will be free of any fraternity representation; control over fraternity houses by the college administration equal to that over the college dormitories; reduction of dues and special costs; and the establishment of a system of faculty advisers, a code of conduct and a standing committee of the trustees for the constant review of fraternity matters.

No freshman shall be permitted to be pledged by or to join any fraternity. Freshman "rushing" for membership is not to begin until the last quarter of the freshman year.

Some Results Clear

BY NOW several direct results of Amherst's adult handling of the problem are clear. "Deferred rushing" of freshmen has eliminated an interference with academic work at a time when a maximum of "adjustment" is called for. In addition, the incoming group is given a chance to be "molded into a class" for the good of overall campus life. "Victims" themselves have time to make an intelligent choice.

The new "adviser system" has strengthened student faculty relations even further.

But perhaps most important, the critical self-appraisal of the Amherst fraternities has given them the stamina to resist the "national organization" effectively in the grave matter of discrimination.

"The belief that discrimination on the basis of race, creed, and color has no proper place on the campus is the background of what developed . . . into a national controversy," says the report. ". . . Several of the fraternities have constitutional clauses which raise such (discriminatory) barriers, and it is toward the removal of these restrictions that the trustee vote was directed."

Refuse to Toe Mark

IN 1946 the Amherst chapter of Delta Tau Delta was refused permission to reopen by the national office. Its charter was revoked because the college opposed the "financial and discrimination policies" of the national fraternity. But the Amherst chapter upheld its independence, changed its name to Kappa Theta and continued to operate successfully.

In 1948 Amherst's Phi Kappa Psi pledged a Negro. Other charters in the country objected. The fraternity's national convention directed the Amherst chapter not to initiate the student.

After complete discussion and debate the Amherst chapter voted unanimously to initiate the Negro pledge and told the national office of their action. The fraternity suspended the chapter and revoked its charter. The group promptly organized as a local fraternity and continues unhampered as Phi Alpha Psi.

"In the nineteenth century the fraternities added zest and distinction to the intellectual life of the college," concludes the Amherst report. "They set a high standard of conduct and brotherhood. It is the hope of those concerned with the fraternities that they may play a similar role in the more complicated context of college life in the coming decades."

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ADMITS WHITE STUDENT

Negro Fraternity at Howard University Elects New Yorker

WASHINGTON, April 11 (AP)—Howard University's Chi Delta Mu fraternity has broken a forty-three-year precedent by admitting to membership a white student, 21-year-old Paul Guth of New York City.

Mr. Guth, a senior in the university's medical college, is one of forty-two new members of the chapter, composed of medical, dental and pharmacy students. All other members are Negroes.

Howard University has an enrollment of about 7,000 students, mostly Negroes. Officials said there were about ten white students.

The university gets most of its financial support from the Federal Government.

Paul Guth is the son of Dr. Benjamin Guth and Mrs. Syd Guth who live at 219 West Eighty-first Street. His father is a dentist. Paul entered Howard University in 1945 after he was discharged from officer training in the United States Maritime Service at San Mateo, Calif.

He is a graduate of New York University and has been an honor student most of his life. He will begin his interneship as a Doctor of Medicine at Kings County Hospital in July.

Frat Race Barriers Crumbling

MONTPELIER, Vt.—Barriers surrounding heretofore "white only" college fraternity groups are cracking under the strain of a liberal New England trend last week as four Swarthmore College organizations pledged themselves to oppose racial and religious discrimination in their national bodies.

Following a trail blazed back in 1947 by Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity of Middlebury College, Middlebury, Vt., the Swarthmore frats adopted a resolution stating that "active members declare themselves unanimously opposed in principle to the exclusion of any student from membership in fraternity chapters on the grounds of race, religion or color."

The four organizations concerned in the Pennsylvania school are Delta Upsilon, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Kappa Psi and Phi Sigma Kappa.

BODY BLOW

The Middlebury College group hit bias a body blow more than two years ago when it pledged Charles S. James of Philadelphia in 1947. This fraternity followed up the precedent-setting move by pledging several Jewish students, in addition to a Greek and a Chinese.

Last year, the Amherst College chapter of Phi Kappa Psi lost its national charter for pledging Thomas Gibbs, a Negro student of Evanston, Ill. As a result, two prominent members of the Greek letter organization resigned in protest.

Alfred S. Romer, director of Harvard's Museum of Comparative Zoology, and Donald Born, Boston University English professor, said they quit the national fraternity to show their support of the Amherst chapter's action in pledging Gibbs. Romer said he wrote C. F. Williams, national fraternity secretary, that Phi Kappa Psi's opposition to Gibbs raised the question of "whether national fraternity organizations have not outlived their usefullness."

LIKE HITLER'S GERMANY

"Organizations of this sort," Romer added, "following principles of social and racial exclusiveness, would have been more appropriate for Hitler's Germany than they are for Democratic America."

Born said he resigned because he felt unable to "accept with integrity the action of the national body."

POSITIVE ACTION

Two other New England schools have taken positive action towards stamping out bias on the campus. Last week, the University of Massachusetts prohibited racial or religious discrimination by fraternities on its campus under an edict signed by President Ralph A. Van Meter.

Brown University took a similar step approximately six weeks ago.

Middlebury College's Alpha Sigma Psi's pledging of Mr. James was one of the most unpublicized events in the present chain of blows against bias in fraternal groups.

As an incidental note, the cellar of Alpha Sigma's fraternity house was one of the last stops in the "Underground Railroad" by which Dixie's slaves made their way to freedom in pre-Civil War days.

Brooklyn Chapter Host to Doctors' Conclave

BROOKLYN, N.Y. — Chi Delta M[illegible] Fraternity (Greek letter organization of physicians, dentists and pharamcists) will be guests of Xi Chapter of Brooklyn and and Long Island April 17-19. A public meeting will be held on April 18 at Siloam Presbyterian Church with Herbert Miller, YMCA executive secretray, as speaker.

Headquarters of the conclave will be at the Provident Professional Club. The grand chapter of the fraternity is in Washington. Dr. Philip Johnson of Howard University, is national president.

AKA SORORITY OPENS CHICAGO OFFICE— Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority opened national headquarters to serve its 216 chapters this month at 6308 Cottage Grove Avenue, Chicago, with Miss Carey B. Maddox of Washington, D. C., as administrative secretary. With her at the open house marking the occasion were Sorors Henrietta Pelky, Theta Omega Basileus; Irma F. Clarke, Supreme Tamiochus, Chicago; Carolyn S. Blanton, Supreme Grammateus, Louisville; Ida Scott, second Anti-Basileus, Chicago; Edna Over Gray, Supreme Basileus, Baltimore; Orphah Shands, Beta Chapter Basileus, Chicago.

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Kappas Map Promotion and Support of Civil Rights, Social Action Fight

The Afro American
Baltimore, Md.

Morgan President Keynote Speaker at 38th Conclave; Laurel Wreath Awarded Wilkins

DETROIT — Five hundred delegates, the largest number to attend an annual conclave of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity, last week, voted to support the American Council of Human Rights; re-elected its national president, J. Ernest Wilkins, Chicago attorney; and awarded its highest honor, the Laurel Wreath, to Earl B. Dickerson, Chicago lawyer.

The Kappas selected Nashville, Tenn. for its 1949 grand chapter meeting in December and recommended selection of Kansas City, Mo., for its 1950 conclave.

A substantial part of the fraternity conclave was given to a discussion of the fraternity's responsibility to promoting and supporting civil rights and social action programs.

Dr. Jenkins Speaks

Dr. Martin D. Jenkins, president of Morgan State College, Baltimore, called on his fellow-members to dedicate themselves "to programs of social concern larger than the narrow social interests of the average fraternity."

Other officers elected and re-elected were: 1-8-49

Victor J. Ashe, attorney, Norfolk, Va., senior grand vice polemarch; Dr. J. Ernest Wilkins Jr., Buffalo, N.Y., grand keeper of records and exchequer; Albert Elliott, student at Wayne University, Detroit, junior grand vice-polemarch; John Goss, Boston, grand strategus; George Talliaferro, football player at Indiana University, grand lieutenant strategus; Dr. R. Clyde Minor, Lincoln University, Mo., grand historian.

Elected to the grand board of directors were: Joseph A. Craigen, deputy commissioner of labor for Michigan, Detroit; Frank F. LaVigne, a captain in the Los Angeles Fire Department; and Melvin O. Barber, student at Howard University.

Delegates and Visitors

Delegates and visiting members attending the session from 28 States and the District of Columbia were:

ALABAMA

BIRMINGHAM: Toussaint L. Hale; TUSKEGEE: Courtland T. Milloy and Myron R. Ross.

ARKANSAS

LITTLE ROCK: Dr. Oba B. White, and Howard L. Johnson.

CALIFORNIA

LOS ANGELES: Thomas Bradley C. Julius Brown, Frank F. LaVigne, Alexander E. Reid and William M. Massey.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

John H. Anderson, Melvin O. Barber, Thomas E. Batson, Richard F. Bell, Charles K. Brown, Paul J. Beckham, James M. Coggs, Charles C. Coley, Thomas H. Countee, Jesse O. Dedmon; William W. Duncan, Dr. W. Henry Greene, Sylvester R. Hall, George E. Hayes, W. Burdette Hockiday, Raymond M. Jones, Louis R. Mehlinger, Otha J. Miller, Beryle I. Randall, James J. Smith, Thaddeus E. Whyte, James E. Scott, Robert A. Williams.

DELAWARE

WILMINGTON: George O. Carrington and George A. Johnson.

FLORIDA

JACKSONVILLE: Claude O. Hilliard, Robert E. Smith; Miami, C. Roscoe Webb; Orlando, James H. Daniels, John L. Slack, Leroy J. Kearney, and Marcellus L. Henderson, Tampa.

GEORGIA

SAVANNAH: W. Dickerson Donnelly; Arnold, Charles E., Bertram E. Sears, X. L. Neal, Julius A. Lockett, Clarence B. Davis, Clarence R. Gosha, and Kenneth D. Days.

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INDIANA

BLOOMINGTON: Rudolph W. Thomas, Paul W. Daniels, Joseph H. Mitchell, Earl L. Neal, Robert K. Nolen, Ike Y. Little, David G. Ford Jr., Fred L. Crockett;

EVANSTON: David Y. Curtis;

SPRINGFIELD: G. Cecil Lewis, Harry D. Harper, Hardin A. Davis Sr., Ivan C. Harper.

ILLINOIS

CHICAGO: William R. Benson, John W. Rogers, Thomas L. Pitts, Mercer M. Alonzo, Ligon Buford, Henry N. Bacon, John E. Hines, William Brown, Robert Bates, Russell H. Dawson, Charles R. Hardy Jr., John Ray, Carl B. Smith, Charles S. Smith, Porter C. Hannett, Lawrence S. Reffells, Frederick D. Moore, W. Ellis Stewart, Samuel H. Clemons, John W. Barnett, Joseph E. Snowden, Lee D. Starks, J. Brady Trippe, Julius L. Morgan;

Wilburn T. Carlisle, James Lash, James C. Cobb, Wendell G. White;

Theophus A. Crockett, Walter Payne, Joseph L. O'Neal, Dr. Willard W. P. Rice, Romeo E. Phillips, Robert W. Bostick, Robert H. Miller, Clifford Phillips, Charles H. Hickman, Clarence Lawson, William H. Hutseli, Claude W. B. Holman, Elmer W. Henderson, James D. Crosson, Earl B. Dickerson, Otis M. Bockner, J. Ernest Wilkins, Reuben W. Spears, Elmer L. McMillan, Dr. William H. Bowman Jr., Dr. James H. Barnes, and Norwood J. Lumpkin.

IOWA

IOWA CITY: William T. Cummings, Joseph C. Howard and Luther H. Smith.

INDIANA

INDIANAPOLIS: Herbert J. Dodson, Guy L. Grant, James O. Martin, Cecil D. Ross, Otis R. Bryant, Theodore Cable, William A. Reeves, Bernard H. Pritchett, Dr. Lloyd M. Taylor, Robert Williams, Irven Armstrong.

BLOOMINGTON: John H. Driver, Ezra D. Alexander Jr., Francis L. Carter, Clarence Roy Currie, Robert Irvin Ray, Edward J. Watson, George Taliaferra, Frederick H. Stewart, Lawrence M. Douglas.

GARY: Charles Graves Jr., Robert K. Ketchum.

KANSAS

TOPEKA: S. Charles Jackson, John J Scott, Paul D. Smith, Donald F. Redmon and Maurice J. Anderson.

MANHATTAN: David W. Warren, Nathan Johnson.

KENTUCKY

LOUISVILLE: Leslie White, Rufus S. Stout, Thomas H. Shaw, John P. Thur D. Clark.

TOLEDO: James A. Jones, William F. Maxwell, Edward G. Sherman, Theodore S. Parr, William H. Walker, Clarence J. Walker.

WILBERFORCE: Melvin A. Johnson Jr., Beverly H. Heard Sr., James W. Byrd, Harry M. Lackey, Melvin A. Johnson, Van D. McCoughtry, Theodore D. Perkins, James A. Nichols, James E. Smoot, R. Norwood and Mark Looett Shields.

YOUNGSTOWN: William C. Hildress, William Green Jr., Nathaniel R. Jones.

OKLAHOMA

LANGSTON: Willie D. Ewing, Wyatt F. Jeltz, Leroy W. Kirk.

TULSA: D. C. Tate, Edgar A. Guess.

PENNSYLVANIA

PHILADELPHIA: Paul D. Harris, Enos S. Andrews, John N. Williams, Horatio Moorer, William Leon Brown, G. James Fleming.

LINCOLN UNIVERSITY: James B. Simmons 3rd, Walter C. Levi, James B. Davis.

PITTSBURGH: William W. Goode, William P. Watson, Lorenzo A. Hill, S. Amos Brackeen, M. P. Blakemore, Elhart E. Flurry, Gilbert A. Terry Jr., Stephen E. Howard.

SOUTH CAROLINA

COLUMBIA: Clarence Lee.

ORANGEBURG: John W. Cutliff, James A. Pinson.

TENNESSEE

CHATTANOOGA: William C. Days.

KNOXVILLE: Jack O. LeFlore.

MEMPHIS: Melvin N. Conley.

NASHVILLE: Edward T. Hayes, Samuel H. Gregory, James Hudson Jr., William J. Gupton, Swayzee L. Hall, Robert Bass, William R. Raymond, Charles B. Brown, Julius W. Hill, J. Porter Franklin, William C. Jefferson, William F. Butler, Lawrence E. Simmons, Grady Sherrill, Henry H. Walker, Lawrence M. Murphy, Waldo L. Cain.

TEXAS

DALLAS: Carl J. Hines.

HOUSTON: W. L. D. Johnson, C. A. Ladner, Robert M. Catchings.

SAN ANTONIO: Marcellus J. Anderson.

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VIRGINIA

HAMPTON: Calvin Culbreath.

PETERSBURG: William Thomas Carter, Frederick A. Miles, John T. Chissell.

NORTHFORK: Virginius B. Wakins.

NORFOLK: George E. Peace, Julian C. Wyche, Victor J. Ashe.

WEST VIRGINIA

BECKLEY: Carl T. Hazzard, Thomas E. Ashe.

BLUEFIELD: Allen B. Conally, James D. Serrell, James H. R. Brammer, George E. Turpin, John T. Seay, James R. Chambers, George E. Barrett.

CHARLESTON: Robert L. Jones, Prince Ahmed Williams, Daniel W. Ambrose, U. G. Carter, Daniel P. Lincoln, Herman G. Canday.

INSTITUTE W. VA.

INSTITUTE: Curtis C. Hull, Arthur L. Smith, Robert B. Elmore, Richard X. White, Robert B. Elmore, Adelbert L. Campbell, Charles R. Caffee.

WISCONSIN

MADISON: Melvin B. Stroud, Theodore J. Johnson.

MILWAUKEE: Isaac N. Coggs, Andrew W. Lewis.

Wilson, Henry S. Wilson, Carl G. Farbers.

LOUISIANA

BATON ROUGE: August C. Terrence and Robert D. West Sr.

SCOTLANDVILLE: Van Ray Fields.

MASSACHUSETTS

BOSTON: James P. Goss Jr.

MISSISSIPPI

JACKSON: Benjamin A. Blackburn.

MINNESOTA

MINNEAPOLIS: Oscar H. Newman.

MICHIGAN

ANN ARBOR: James Gilreath, Raleigh Morgan, Adoulphus P. Thompson, Harold L. Swan, Jesse Rutherford, Clarence D. Gilreath, Vanzetti Hamilton, Charles Eugene Beatty, Laddys W. Ledford, Charles E. Smith.

FLINT: Lawrence M. Miles, John D. Russell, Jesse L. Leach, Kenneth F. Young.

KALAMAZOO: Thomas Reeves, Frederick M. Newberry, Samuel J. Simmons, Basil W. Brown, Duane L. Roberts.

SAGINAW: Ulysses S. Bagley.

DETROIT: John Pinder, Wentz Scissler Perkins 3rd, Floyd H. Penick, Alfred M. Pelham, Virgil L. Parker, Theodore R. Owens, James A. Owen, Issacstein C. Osborne, Eugene Moran, Charles D. Miller, John Medders K, Joel J. McDonald, James McCrary, J. B. Martin Jr., Isaiah H. Martin, Joseph C. Marshall, Samuel H. Thomas, Alf E. Thomas, Joe T. Thomas, William O. Terrell Jr., Myron R. Stanton, John C. Spencer;

Julius M. Smith, Benjamin L. Smith, William S. Simms, Ernest Shell, Horace L. Sheffield, Clement Scott, W. Leo Swainson, Herschel L. Richey, Henry C. Reed, Benjamin T. Druitt, Eugene M. Gilmer, Lyman Gillespie, Herbert S. Garner, Wadye T. Gallant, John W. Lewis, Delbert H Lee, Dr. Edgar Keemer, William L. Jordan Jr., Murray E. Jackson, John T. Glover, Arthur Burt Goldston, Judson B. Powell, Dudley F. F. Randall, Carl Jackson, Albrecht W. Ingram, Samuel E. Hill, Victor L. Hicks;

Allison B. Genderson, Theodore A. Gurley, John A. Gregory, Dr. Lewis E. Greene, Forrest F. Green, Willis M. Graves, Robert A. Gaddie Jr., Al E. Frierson, Dr. James Fitzgerald, Charles H. Fisher, Adolph M. Elliott, J. Sylvester Echols, S. F. Dunlap, M.D.; Herbert L. Dudley, Byron K. Armstrong, Roosevelt Barnes, Jack Barthwell Jr., Sidney Barthwell, A. W. Boodie, M.D.; James L. Cain Jr., John W. Johnson, Eddie F. Jones;

William Charles Loving Jr., Thomas N. Malone, Ernest T. Marshall, Alvin D. Loving, Maurice W. Clarke, M.D.; Walter T. Clifton, Fred Hart Williams, Hewitt H. Williams, Ulysses F. Amos, Lloyd H. Woods, Damon P. Young, McKinlye A. Cary, Edward T. Carson, Edward A. Carter, Albert Brown, C. R. Bullett, William K. Burgess, Louis C. Blount, Germany E. Bennett, George W. Cathcart, Odis Rencher;

James J. D. Daniels, Thomas Beauchamp, Prentiss Albert Walker, Henry T. Asher, Harold C. Thorneil, Joseph T. Thomas, Robert H. Jones, Robert L. Dixon, E. L. Dickson, Ernest H. Davenport, Albert M. Crocker, Joseph A. Craigen, John J. C Coulter, Cedric Couch, Claude H. Cooper, Charles H. Conally, Oliver S Coleman, Marvin H. White, Herbert U. White, Ira L. Whitby, Charles E. Whitby, Luther C. Washington, J. Thornton, Robert L. Walker, Henry D. Walker, Silas H. Waldon, Albert R. Tyler, Edward L. Tisdale, Edward E. E. Causey.

MISSOURI

JEFFERSON CITY: Alonzo L. Dent, Thomas C. Bridge, R. Clyde Minor, Charles R. Martin.

KANSAS CITY: Percy H. Lee, Theodore T. Lowery, Lenel Mason, Girard T. Bryant, Clyde W. Alexander, Carl R. Johnson.

ST. LOUIS: Maurice Bell, Aldrick M. Brooks, Fred H. Brown, Warren Benning, Samuel D. Lee Jr., Edgar F. Woodson, Earl E. Cook, Ellsworth J. Evans, N. Webster Moore.

MARYLAND

BALTIMORE: Reuben Maurice Jones Jr., Roy Johnson, Martin D. Jenkins, Robert L. Johns, Norman M. Bailey, Idel W. E. Taylor.

NEW YORK

BUFFALO: Daniel R. Acker, J. Ernest Wilkins Jr., George L. Seay.

NEW YORK CITY: James E. Allen, Paul L. Crawford, Ernest L. Dimitry, Dr. I. Theodore Donaldson, Clifton E. Gross, Livingston E. Gaskin, William A. Howard, John H. Perry, Lowell E. Mathis, Clarence M. Gittens, Elbert W. Strothers.

NORTH CAROLINA

CHARLOTTE: Preston M. Williams.

DURHAM: James T. Hawkins.

GREENSBORO: Samuel C. Hill, John K. Lee, Curtiss Todd, Walter R. White.

RALEIGH: Cecil D. Halliburton, Harry H. Gil-Smythe.

NEBRASKA

OMAHA: Eugene W. Skinnis, Foster S. Goodlett.

OHIO

CINCINNATI: Donald A. Spencer.

CLEVELAND: Horace C. Johnson, William S. Cooper, Carlton Marvin, Stephens, Clarence W. Hereford, V. O. Beck, Dr. James Evans Levy, Dr. William F. Richie, James H. Guy, Herbert L. Wallace, Frank C. Lyons, Augustus G. Parker, Harold T. Garraway, Eddie V. Patrick, Lawrence J Powell.

COLUMBUS: H. Stratton Hopson, Jacob J. Ashburn, Wyman B. Lucas, James R. Reed, David D. White, Charles A. Watkins, James S. Wade, Lawrence J. Tolbert, Arthur C. Willis.

DAYTON: William D. McLoud, Ar-

Alpha Speaker At Fisk, December 27

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DANIEL P. LINCOLN will be the principal speaker at the annual public meeting of the 39th conclave of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Tuesday, Dec. 27, 8 p. m., in the chapel of Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn. Mr. Lincoln is registrar of West Virginia State College after having formerly served the college as professor of history and veterans adviser. He holds undergraduate and graduate degrees from Ohio State University, is a member of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars, and of the West Virginia War History Commission. A dynamic speaker, his topic is "The Significance of a College Fraternity in World Brotherhood."

Dartmouth Backs Ending Fraternity Bias, Supporting Move by Northeastern Group

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

HANOVER, N. H., Nov. 15—The Dartmouth College Interfraternity Council announced today that it had urged twelve Northeastern colleges and universities to support "a real step" at the meetings of the National Interfraternity Conference Nov. 24 in Washington, to eliminate restrictive clauses in college fraternity charters which bar membership on the basis of race or religion.

The attitude of Dartmouth fraternities was made known in a letter mailed yesterday to members of the Northeastern Interfraternity Conference. The letter was sent to Amherst, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cornell, Middlebury, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Syracuse, Union, the state universities of Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont, and Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

The Dartmouth council had previously endorsed a recommendation made by these colleges meeting at Amherst Oct. 17 urging that discriminatory clauses in college fraternity charters be abolished. In a poll of 80 per cent of the Dartmouth student body Nov. 1, a total of 1,754 voted to throw out such clauses, 375 were in favor of retaining them and the remaining 230 were undecided.

"It seems to us that with the feeling on this issue running as high as it is in New England," the Dartmouth letter said, "a real step might be taken at the National Conference in Washington on Nov. 24. Perhaps machinery has already been established to bring the matter into the conference discussions, in actual support of the northeastern recommendations. We would appreciate any information concerning such a plan of action and will be glad to cooperate in any organized activity.

"If nothing has been done along these lines, we suggest that all representatives with a common interest in this problem meet in Washington just prior to the conference's opening session, in an effort to unify their activity."

DISCRIMINATION ON THE CAMPUS

When the National Interfraternity conference holds its annual meeting this week, the eyes of a great many Americans—including quite a few who can't tell one Greek letter from another—will be watching it. For this organization, which consists of almost three-score national college fraternities, will be discussing some delicate phases of a question that touches the very fabric of democracy. That is the question of discrimination on grounds of race or religion.

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OTHER Papers Say

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Fraternity Council Votes Against Restrictions But Action Is Left to the Units Themselves

By BENJAMIN FINE

During World War II most college fraternities suspended activities because most of their members were in uniform. Many informed persons believed the fraternities' days were numbered, that they had outlived their usefulness. They said that when the GI's returned to school they would not be interested in "kid stuff" associated with the Greek-letter organizations.

But the post-war college boom tripped up the experts. Far from being "dead" or dying, the fraternities bounded back on most campuses. In terms of numbers, the fraternities are stronger today than they have ever been in the history of American higher education. Fifty-eight national fraternities are banded together in the strong National Interfraternity Conference, a "clearing house" for all Greek-letter activities.

A total of 2,786 chapters are established at more than 250 colleges and universities. These groups own 2,100 houses, valued at $100,000,000. In a number of colleges the administration depends on the fraternities to provide the necessary housing facilities for a majority of the students. Of a total initiated membership of 1,250,000, a little more than 10 per cent, or 150,000, are active undergraduate members, the rest being alumni. This is the largest membership ever attained by the Greek-letter groups.

Discontent Among Chapters

During the past two years an undercurrent of discontent has come from the chapter houses. On various campuses the fraternities have been attacked for their "undemocratic" attitude—many have provisions in their constitutions which bar prospective members because of racial, religious or color reasons. A number of college presidents have insisted that the fraternities on their campuses must be open to everyone, or else close their doors. One of the sharpest barbs against fraternities was made some months ago by President Harold Taylor of Sarah Lawrence College, who said:

"The fraternity-sorority values are false, shallow and materialistic. We need a system of residence and community life which retains the attractions of the fraternity house without the snobbery upon which the fraternity house rests. This we can have, if we want it, and if university authorities take the lead in providing it."

It was the students themselves, however, who brought the present fraternity row into the open. About a year ago the Greek-letter men were aroused by the so-called "Amherst affair." The controversy arose when the Amherst College chapter of Phi Kappa Psi pledged a Negro student, Thomas W. Gibbs of Evanston, Ill. After a heated debate, the national organization presented the Amherst chapter with an ultimatum: either de-pledge the student—or else. The Amherst men stuck to their guns, and the chapter was expelled.

That was just the beginning of the fraternity rumpus. Other chapters began to question the "restrictive clauses" required by their national groups. Resolutions were adopted by undergraduate bodies urging graduates in control of the national organization to "do away" with discriminatory clauses in their national constitutions. But many of the alumni, who are a powerful factor in fraternity life, vehemently resisted these proposals. They held that by its very nature a fraternity had the right to select whatever members it desired.

Pressure From Undergraduates

When the alumni as well as undergraduate members got together in Washington over the Thanksgiving week-end last month, the stage was set for decisive action. The National Interfraternity Conference, meeting for its forty-first annual session, found itself pushed to the wall by the undergraduate members got together in fraternity Conference, consisting of twelve colleges and universities, together with support from the Middle West's Big Ten, demanded that "a real step" be taken to throw out those clauses that withhold membership on the basis of race or religion.

After considerable behind-the-scenes maneuvering, the National Interfraternity Conference adopted a resolution asking for the elimination of restrictive membership clauses. The resolution was adopted by a vote of 36—3, although nineteen fraternities abstained from voting. Although the NIC does not have authority to enforce its resolutions, it does have an enormous influence because of its position in the field.

The resolution said:

"Resolved, that it is the sense of this conference that it recognizes that many member fraternities have had and now have restrictive provisions. It recognizes that the question is of concern to many interested parties. It calls these facts to the attention of all member fraternities, appreciating that membership is an individual fraternity responsibility.

"It recommends that member fraternities that do have selective membership provisions consider this question in the light of prevailing conditions and take such steps as they may elect to eliminate such selectivity provisions."

Long-Range Results

After ducking the issue for several years, the NIC finally has taken a definite stand on the question. However, fraternity leaders were quick to agree that the mere adoption of a resolution did not automatically mean that all chapters would remove their religious or color barriers at once. At best, the NIC's action means that a new policy has been adopted that will undoubtedly have greater long-range than immediate repercussions.

"I doubt if our fraternity will pledge any colored boys next week," one realistic fraternity leader observed.

But the change in the fraternity outlook is bound to take place. The growing pressure from the students themselves that caused the NIC to reverse its traditional position will be felt to a greater degree than ever before on the nation's campuses. At present about one-half of the major national fraternities retain restrictive provisions in their constitutions. The battle to remove these clauses, in keeping with the spirit of the NIC resolution, will have to be fought out separately in each organization.

However, despite the fact that the restrictive clauses may be removed, in keeping with the NIC action, it is certain that for some time to come the membership will be selective. Most fraternities, according to the information obtained by this writer, will continue to operate as they have in the past. They will select their members according to the "unwritten laws" that now govern their membership rolls.

In an interview yesterday, William J. Barnes, a member of Theta Xi fraternity and newly elected chairman of the National Interfraternity Conference, asserted that the Washington action was a "long forward step." He added that this was a progressive move that would strengthen fraternities throughout the country.

Whatever action is taken to implement the NIC stand, it will be on an individual basis, Mr. Barnes emphasized. But because this controversy has been debated out in the open, the local chapters will find it easier, in some instances, to take in members who might otherwise have been considered non-fraternity material.

The reform thus far is limited to the fraternities. The women's sororities have not taken any similar action in their own national organization.

Growth of Influence

Clearly, a milestone in the life of the American college fraternity has been passed. The old die-hards have been defeated; the younger students have taken a stand more in keeping with the nation's democratic traditions. In large part the leadership has come from the veterans who are in a majority on many campuses. Some of the veterans have expressed the view that a fraternity cannot receive widespread support from the community if it "opposes" the American ideals of tolerance and brotherhood for all.

From all indications, the fraternities are here to stay. More than that, they are becoming more powerful, nationally, than they were before Pearl Harbor. Although some college presidents object to their presence on the campus, the objection for the most part has stemmed from the restrictive, discriminatory clauses. And now it would appear as though one of the most potent arguments against the college fraternity has been negated—at least theoretically.

There are more fraternities on the campuses this fall than ever before. Many college officials have invited the national organizations to establish chapters at their institutions. As long as the fraternities are to remain as an integral part of college life, it is encouraging that they have taken this bold stand to make their organizations more democratic.

End of Bias Proposed for Fraternities

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The National Interfraternity Conference recommended that college Greek-letter societies wipe out any existing barriers to membership based on race, religion or nationality.

The precedent-making decision came 24 hours after the group's executive committee had decided not to take up the issue. The standing vote was 36 to 3.

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STUDENTS from New England and "Big Ten" colleges prevailed on delegates to revive the bias issue after it was excluded from the program.

As adopted, the statement recognized that many fraternities do not have and never have had restrictive clauses in their charter. It said that the question of membership is one for each fraternity to decide.

But it goes on to recommend that the fraternities which do have selectivity clauses "consider this question in the light of prevailing conditions and take such steps as they may elect to eliminate such selectivity provisions."

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Omega Psi Phi

Dr. Penn Re-elected

Omegas Give $147 To Nixon Widow

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Pittsburg Pa.

COLUMBUS, Ohio—Passing resolutions affecting social legislation, Federal aid to education, threats to world peace and urging continued effectiveness of the United Nations organization, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, closing its thirty-fifth annual conclave here last Thursday also donated $147.15 to The Pittsburgh Courier fund for the widow and family of Isaac Nixon, Negro veteran who was killed last fall while attempting to vote in Austin, Ga.

The four-day conclave which ended Dec. 27 was attended by close to one thousand delegates and their friends. Dr. Harry T. Penn of Roanoke, Va., was re-elected grand basileus of the fraternity, and Milo C. Murray, Gary, Ind., and Malcom Corrin, Atlanta, first and second vice grand basileus, respectively.

"Q-ETTES" ENTERTAIN

W. R. Maynard, Birmingham, was elected grand keeper of records and seals; J. B. Blanton, Atlanta, grand keeper of finance; E. F. Corbett, Norfolk, Va., editor of the Oracle, and Richard E. Carey, New York, grand counsellor. Sessions of the conclave were held in the State Office Building here in the capital city. High in favor during the conclave were social affairs given by other Greek letter groups that combined to entertain the visiting Omegas.

The Columbus "Q-Ettes," wives and sweethearts of the local Omega men, entertained at a "meet your date" party Monday evening. Wednesday afternoon they gave a card and cocktail party.

A smoker, Monday evening in the Pythian Ballroom for Omega brothers and the Omega closed dance at Valley Dale Country Club were given by Mu Iota and Iota Psi, local entertaining chapters. Local fraternities and sororities staged a Pan-Hellenic Ball Tuesday evening at the Memorial Hall.

LABOR RESOLUTION

The conclave also favored certain modifications in the Taft-Hartley Law, but which could continue the provisions against the "closed shop" and retain denial if benefits to those unions which practice discrimination in membership based on race, religion, or national origin.

It condemned the "philosophy, tactics and strategy" of the house committee on Un-American Activities as practised in the past and endorsed the report of the President's Committee on Civil Rights and urged the Eighty-first Congress to pass legislation to effectuate this document.

It also urged the complete elimination of segregation in the armed forces of the United States.

The adopted resolutions struck out at segregation in Washington, D. C., in particular, in urging that legislation be enacted to assure equal treatment in that city.

The group went on record as opposing the regional education plan, and passed resolutions expressing appreciation to various civic, religious and fraternal organizations which appeared and adhered to the policies of complete integration of all minority groups. These resolutions also expressed appreciation to several athletic organizations and institutions for the integration of Negro athletes.

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Dr. Harry T. Penn, of Roanoke, Va., grand basileus and presiding officer, keynoted the conclave with an address at the afternoon session Monday. In his presentation, heset out the theme of the meeting "Eradication of segregation and discrimination for a meaningful democracy."

The meetings were held at the State Capitol Annex Building and concluded on Thursday afternoon.

Omega Men See Project For Federal Aid To Schools

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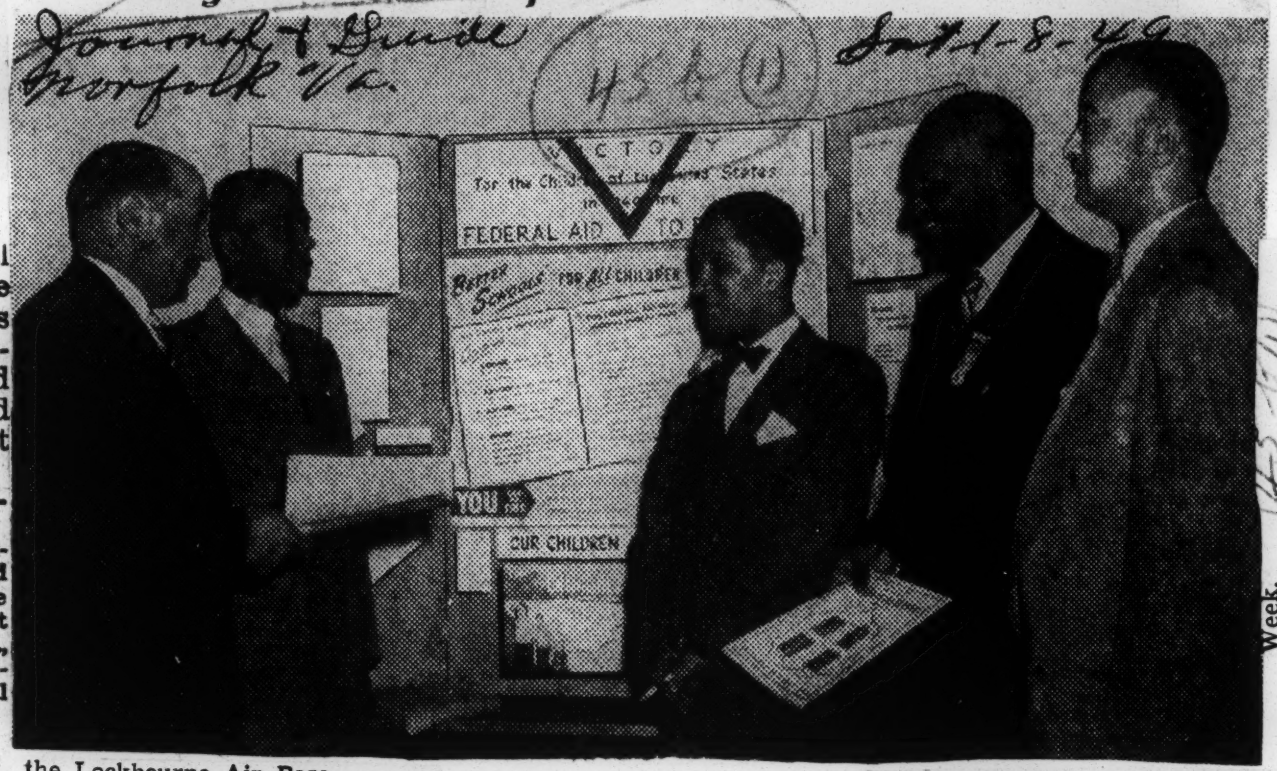

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Omega Meet Proves Largest In History

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By E. F. CORBETT

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Members and delegates representing 190 chapters from all over the country moved into the city on Monday for the 35th annual conclave of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. From indications of early registrations this session promises to be the largest-attended meeting in the history of the fraternity.

According to Leonard A. Holland, of Columbus, grand marshal for the meeting, all arrangements for housing and entertainment of the record turnout have been completed. The social program included an opening smoker, two formal dances, several parties, ending with a party on Thursday evening at the Officers Club at the Lockbourne Air Base.

Omegas Endorse UN, Civil Rights At Thirty-Fifth Annual Conclave

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COLUMBUS, Ohio — The 35th annual grand conclave of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, in its sessions here Dec. 27-30, adopted resolutions deploring interracial unrest threatening world peace, and urged the United States government to continue its efforts assuring the continued operation of the United Nations.

It also favored certain modifications in the Taft-Hartley Law, but approved continuation of the provisions against the "closed shop" and the denial of benefits to those unions which practice discrimination in memberships based on race, religion, or national origin.

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Omega Psi Phi fraternity endorsed a Congressional law to give assistance to public elementary and public secondary schools during its recent conclave in Columbus, Ohio. Omega is one of 60 national organizations which have endorsed Gaines and Brooks, first grand basileus, Atlanta, Ga., and J. E. Brooks, 4th district representative, Montgomery, Ala. Mr. Calhoun is also chairman of the fraternity's national social action committee.

Week.

Miss Gladys L. Jones of Wilmington, N.C., was adjudged second prize winner and given an award of $75; and Miss Janice Savage won third prize, an award of $50. Mrs. Marie T. Edwards, Ishmael City has been Southern Christian Institute, Edof $125 in the Miss., received honorable mention.

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Omegas Announce Essay Winners

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Seen above viewing a display chairman of the fraternity's national social action committee.

Individual: Key to True Democracy."

Judges From Va. State

Judges for the contest were Prof. B. F. Dabney, Dr. Luther P. Jackson, and Dr. A. G. Macklin, all of Virginia State College. Dr. Macklin is director of the fraternity's National Achievement Week observance.

The Omegas opened their 35th grand conclave on Monday in Columbus, Ohio.

Omega Psi Phi National Achievement Week, Nov. 6

ATLANTA, Ga. — Beginning Nov. 6, and continuing through Nov. 13, members and chapters of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity will observe National Achievement Week. Public programs, radio broadcasts and other presentations will focus attention upon the theme, "Fair and Effective Employment Is the Economic Objective of a Restless Minority."

Another feature of the annual observance is the national high school essay contest, subject of which is: "An Experience in Job-Making." Senior students of nearly 2,000 schools in 35 states have been invited to submit essays on unique or singular achievements of individuals in making employment opportunities. Prizes of $125, $75, and $50.

National awards are made each year by the organization to outstanding citizens. Among recent winners are: Dr. Ralph Bunche, Jackie Robinson, Z. Alexander Looby and Col. Campbell C. Johnson. A similar award will be made this year at the grand conclave in Chicago, Ill., Dec. 27 to 30.

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NEGRO FRATERNITY TO BE INTERRACIAL

Rutgers Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Gets White Members in Fight on Discrimination

A Negro fraternity, Omega Psi Phi, announced yesterday that an interracial chapter would be started this fall at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N. J. The plan followed a decision by the national body to fight racial discrimination within Negro college organizations.

Omega Psi Phi, second-oldest Negro Greek letter society, was organized in 1911 at Howard University as an all-Negro fraternity. Chapters have been organized in every college community having a requisite number of Negro college students. To meet the requirements of the Rutgers administration, a chapter must obtain twenty members. To date six Negro and three white students have been initiated.

The white students are Norman Ledgin, editor in chief of the campus newspaper, The Targum; Antonio Doganiero and Vincent Apprizziese. Pending recognition of the Rutgers chapter, the white men are affiliated with the Upsilon Phi chapter of Omega Psi Phi in Newark.

The Negro members are William (Bucky) Hatchett, president of the college senior class; two brothers, Joseph Seward, sports editor, and Arthur Seward, track star; William McCullough of the Engineering College, Robert N. Boyd and Harvey Grimsley, who scored both touchdowns in the football game between Rutgers and Harvard in 1946, which Rutgers won, 13—0. Mr. Hatchett, top scoring basketball player last year, has a record of 886 points in three years of varsity playing.

The fraternity also announced that Dr. David G. Morris, a member of the Newark chapter, had received from Bayonne Lodge 1550 of B'nai B'rith the annual Charles Grotsky Memorial Goodwill Award. Described as an "interracialist," Dr. Morris is a trustee of Lincoln University and president of the local branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Atlanta Omegas Slate Broadcasts

ATLANTA—Eight radio broadcasts, sponsored by Eta Omega, graduate chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, will be presented over the "Good WERD Station" in Atlanta, Ga., during Achievement Week, Nov. 6-13. In granting this permission, J. B. Blayton, owner of the facilities and the fraternity's grand keeper of finance, stated that the sustaining time of the only Negro radio station in the country will be dedicated to the advancement of programs advocating community betterment.

Omegas to Hear Ala. Governor

MONTGOMERY, Ala.—Governor James E. Folsom, Alabama's liberal chief of state, will make his first appearance before a Negro-sponsored meeting when he addresses the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity's Achievement Week public program here.

He will speak Sunday afternoon Nov. 13 at Tullibody Hall, Alabama State College. Sigma Phi Chapter of which T. H. Randall is basileus is presenting the program. The event will climax the week-long observance of "Achievement Week."

Prof. J. E. Pierce, program chairman, has conducted on behalf of the fraternity a survey of job opportunities for Negroes in Montgomery and will make his findings public.

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity

Set For Omegas' Chi Conclave

Among outstanding personalities who will appear on the public program of Omega Psi Phi fraternity during its 36th conclave in Chicago, Dec. 28-30, are (top row, left to right) Miss Etta Moten, singing star; Dr. Henry T. Penn, grand basileus; Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, president of Morehouse university; Congressman William L. Dawson of Illinois, Milo Murray, vice-grand basileus; Willard S. Townsend, president of the United Transport Workers of America and Dr. S. C. Hamilton, grand marshall.

Dr. Percy Julian Is Omega's "Outstanding Citizen of Year"

CHICAGO, Ill.—The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity will make annual awards to Dr. Percy L. Julian, Chicago, Ill., Judge William H. Hastie, Philadelphia, Penn., Miss Geneva Lucie, Bessemer, Ala-bama, Benjamin Hammond and Miss Peggy Joyce Hunter, both of Austin, Texas, at its 36th annual Grand Conclave, here, December 27th-30th.

Dr. Julian, director of research for the Glidden Print Company, will receive the annual award as "Outstanding Citizen of the Year," while Judge Hastie will be named as the "Outstanding Omega Man of 1949."

Contest Winners

The other awards come as a result of the Annual National High School Essay Contest of the Fraternity. The first prize of $125 will go to Miss Geneva Lucie, senior at Wenonah High School, Bessemer, Ala., the second prize of $75 will be given to Benjamin Hammond of Anderson High School, Austin, Texas. Elizabeth Angus of the A.H. Parker High School, Birmingham, Ala. and Green Mackey Jr., Anderson High School, Austin, Texas, will receive honorable mention.

Dr. Julian, who recently discovered compound S for the treatment of arthritis, rheumatic heart and other ailments, is perhaps the foremost authority on the properties of the soy bean. He also discovered a means of synthesizing the male and female hormones. Through his work, Dr. Julian has produced progesterone, which protects expectant mothers from the loss of unborn babies as the result of spontaneous abortion. Also of great importance is Dr. Julian's production of the male hormone known as testosterone, which has been employed to reinvigorate middle-aged men. Both hormones have been used in the experimental treatment of cancer.

Active Frater

Judge William H. Hastie, former Judge and later Governor of the Virgin Islands has recently been appointed to the Court of Appeals of he United States Circuit Court in Pennsylvania.

A graduate of Harvard University, he served as Dean of the Law School, Howard University, and National Counsel of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. In 1945, he received the Annual Omega award as the Outstanding Citizen, and has been very active in Fraternity affairs.

In the High School Essay Contest, senior students from all parts of the country wrote essays on the subject: "An Experience in Job Making," in line with the organization's theme for National Achievement Week: "Fair and Effective Employment, the Economic Object of a Restless Minority." Miss Lucie described her own unique, personal experience in making a job for herself at the Girl's Scout Camp, named for Mrs. Pauline Bray Fletcher, near Bessemer, in a small farming community known as Shades Valley, Alabama. She was the number one choice of all of the judges in the contest. J.H. Calhoun, Director of the National Achievement Project, expressed highest praise and appreciation to the very promising high school students who participated in the contest, and stated that the best essays will be published in the Fraternity's organ: "The Oracle."

All of the award winners will be invited to attend the Omege Grand Conclave.

FOR WHITES ONLY?

CHICAGO (ANP) —The "meeting of the strategy committee" of the Republican Party here recently was a lily-white affair, with only white newsmen covering it.

Omegas Observe Achievement Week Nov. 6 Thru 13

Beginning November 6 and continuing through November 13, members and chapters of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity will observe National Achievement Week. Public programs, radio broadcasts and other presentations will focus attention upon the theme: "Fair and Effective Employment: the Economic Objective of a Restless Minority."

Another feature of the annual observance is the National High School Essay Contest, subject of which is: "An Experience in Job-Making." Senior students of nearly 2,000 schools in 35 states have been invited to submit essays on unique or singular achievements of individuals in making employment opportunities. Prizes of $125, $75 and $50, respectively, are offered in the contest, which closes November 10, 1949. Contestants and subject materials are not limited as time, locality nor race.

This annual observance was originated by the Fraternity in 1920 as Negro History and Literature Week, with Carter G. Woodson as Director. The name was changed to National Negro Achievement Week in 1925 and for a number of years concerned itself mainly with citing achievements of Negroes in various professions, business and occupations. In more recent years, the scope of emphasis has been broadened to include consideration of minority group issues. Following the declaration that the Fraternity has never been limited as to race, at the Columbus, Ohio, Grand Conclave in December, 1948, the name was changed to National Achievement Week in 1949, although attention is still centered upon achievements of Negroes. National awards are made each year by the organization to outstanding citizens.

Among recent winners are Dr. Ralph Bunche, Z. Alexander Looby, Jackie Robinson, and Col. Compbell C. Johnson. A similar award will be made this year at the Grand Conclave in Chicago, Ill., December 27-30.

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Omega Grand Basileus Begins Special Tour

Dr. Harry T. Penn, of Roanoke, grand basileus, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, who began a tour on Nov. 10 in connection with the organizations observance at "National Achievement Week." He will be accompanied by Carl Moultrie, Washington, D. C., national executive secretary.

Their itenerary includes: Raleigh, N. C.; Atlanta, Ga.; Talladega, Ala.; Mobile, Ala.; and Baton Rouge, La., and several later stops on Mississippi, and Nashville, Tenn.

Local Citizens Cited For Achievement By Omegas

Journal and guide

NORFOLK—Several local persons were cited for outstanding civic and professional contributions by Omega Lambda Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Sunday at the program honoring P. Bernard Young, Jr.

Mentioned by E. A. Rogers, speaking for the fraternity, were: Lois Hughes, Edward Carter, Raymond Durant, and William S. Sledge, for pioneering in obtaining plumbing licenses in the city; Thomas Burgess, Roger Edmund, William Cooke, and Mr. Deloatch for outstanding contributions in the building profession.

IN BUSINESS

In the field of business congratulations were extended to the Alston's Service Center of Church street, H. G. Coleman, the Fuller Products Company, and the Alexander Bakery and the Rosedale Dairy, white establishments using Negroes in skilled occupations; and the Norman Delicatessan and Sandwich Shop, which provides a "much needed catering service uptown."

The fraternity also congratulated Attorney C. Arnette Bibbins for his effort to win a seat in the Virginia House of Delegates, running on an Independent ticket, and Attorney Victor J. Ashe for being the only colored attorney in the city to be approved as title examiner for the Lawyers Title Insurance Corporation.

OTHERS HONORED

Greetings and "felicitations" were extended the recently organized Norfolk Real Estate Brokers Association upon its effort to raise the professional level of services through study and cooperative action.

Dr. F. R. TRIGG was cited for his election to membership in the American Trudeau Society, the medical section of the National Tuberculosis Society. In the field of entertainment, Jack Holmes was congratulated as the first colored disc jockey in the Tidewater area.

In the field of public service, P. J. Chesson, S. H. Bell, Mrs. Elaine Brown and Miss Viola Cousins were congratulated for their work with the United Negro College Fund, the Community Chest, the Housing Survey, and the American Red Cross.

In recreation, Donald Wingo, Joseph Rose, and Wylie Selden, Sr., were congratulated. Charles Foxx, owner-manager of Foxx Flight Service, was mentioned for his participation as the only Negro in the third annual air show held Sept. 25 at the Durham-Raleigh Airport.

William Walker of Schooley avenue was congratulated as the first of his race to donate blood to the Tidewater Blood Center. Thomas W. Young was cited for his address before the annual convention of the (white) Newspaper Publishers Association, at which more than 1,100 publishers were present.

EDUCATION FIELD

In the field of education, Mrs. Vivian Watts, first speech specialist for Negro children in our public schools, was cited. Others in this field were Miss Margaret Gordon, principal of D. G. Jacox Elementary School; A. P. Preston, assistant principal at D. G. Jacox School.

Also Miss Constance Fuller for her promotion to the R. A. Tucker School from the J. C. Price School; L. T. Robertson for his appointment as principal of the Titustown School; Sherman Williams for his promotion to the principalship of Laura E. Titus School.

Also Mrs. Catherine Bibbins and Miss Sue Garrett for promotion teaching principalships at the Stonewall Jackson and J. C. Price schools respectively.

Others congratulated in this field were P. B. Young, Sr., Dr. A. B. Green, Jr., Dr. S. F. Coppage, Mrs. Mildred Peters, Mrs. Glady Bracey, Mrs. W. T. Lee, the Rev. Dr. Richard B. Martin, Miss F. E. Reid, Wiley W. Selden, Mrs. Joseph Walton, and P. B. Young, Jr., for their appointment to key committees to help committees to help the city's educational program.

Other groups and organizations cited were the pastors and congregations of the First Calvary Baptist Church, Queen Street Baptist Church, Ebenezer Baptist Church of Portsmouth, Grace Protestant Episcopal Church, for their success in dignifying and beautifying their edifices.

RYDER CITED

For the "lift which has been given to the beauty of worship in song," Noah F. Ryder, minister of music at Bank Street Baptist Church, was congratulated, along with the choir which he directs.

The Omegas also extended congratulations to the City Council housing authority, and citizens committees for slum clearance for the success in getting better homes planned for the city.

The Journal and Guide was congratulated on winning its third Willkie Journalism Award and the committee which planned the testimonial honoring the Guide on this occasion was congratulated.

In closing, Mr. Rogers said:

"Last but by no means least do we congratulate that large host of men and women, the masses, you ladies and gentlemen, who by daily diligence and quiet efficiency carry on the work of the world and who by encouragement and praise, have made it possible for these, the few I have cited, to keep hanging on and thereby gain the prize. Mr. and Mrs. Public, we congratulate you."

Omega Psi Phi Plan 36th Grand Conclave

The Omega Psi Phi fraternity will hold its 36th grand conclave in Chicago Dec. 28-30 and the Chicagoland chapter are preparing a welcome for their Greek-letter brebrethern which is expected to rival if not overshadow any convention the order has yet had.

From Chicago's Mayor Kennelly, who has told officials that he wants personally to welcome the group, down to the list of the distinguished men in commercial, professional and business life who are Omega men word has been passed along that Chicago this year is going to have an "Omega Christmas" and it is said that latchstrings will be hanging on the outside all over the Windy City."

Grand Basileus Dr. Harry T. Penn of Roanoke, Va., will preside. A vast amount of business awaits the conclave revolving principally around the current objective, "better educational opportunities for youth." F. Carl Moultrie, Washington, D. C., executive secretary of the organization, will be on hand helping to pilot the program.

At the opening meeting which will be held at the Corpus Christi auditorium, the principal speakers will be Dr. Benjamin Mays, president of Morehouse college, Cong. William L. Dawson and Dr. Penn. Miss Etta Moten, the noted concert artist, will sing.

Despite the protestations of a working session, the social side promises to be tremendous. Chicago, one of the best towns in the world at Christmas time, has built much of its holiday social program around the expected Omega fraters and gayety and appreciation of good living are expected to be among the signs of the times.

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Pennsylvania

Four Fraternities Pledge to Oppose Campus Discrimination

SWARTHMORE, Pa. — For the third time in six months fraternity discrimination was attacked at Swarthmore College, when the Interfraternity Council of this Quaker Institution announced that four campus fraternities have pledged themselves to oppose racial and religious discrimination within their national organizations.

A resolution, which originated with the Inter-fraternity Council, stated that "the active members declare themselves unanimously opposed in principle to the exclusion of any student from membership in fraternity chapters on the campus solely on the grounds of race, religion, or color."

Against Unfair Clauses

The four fraternities further declared that they were against any clause "in the charters or by-laws of any fraternity which has a chapter on this campus which discriminates on these grounds." The resolution also deplored the use of other provisions for discriminatory practices.

The Swarthmore fraternities concurring in the resolution were Delta Upsilon, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Kappa Psi, and Phi Sigma Kappa. Kappa Sigma has not acted upon it.

Earlier this spring the thirteen members of the college Student Council, six of whom are fraternity members, unanimously endorsed a protest against the existence "in the national or chapter charters of any clause which overtly excludes from membership or which indirectly results in the exclusion from membership of, any student solely on the grounds race, religion, or color."

Last December seven members of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity at Swarthmore, including its president, resigned when the Amherst Chapter was denied the right to admit a colored member. The remaining affiliates voiced their conviction that more effective action against discrimination could be taken by continuing in the fraternity.

DePriest's Grandson Makes Phi Beta Kappa

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. —(ANP)— Among the 16 seniors initiated into Phi Beta Kappa at Harvard University last Friday at a dinner meeting in Kirkland House Senior Common Room was Oscar Stanton DePriest, III, grandson of the first Negro Congressman ever elected from a Northern district.

Young DePriest, of the class of 1950, is a pre-law major.

Phi Beta Kappa Cites Dr. Julian

Phi Beta Kappa named Dr. Percy L. Julian this week to receive its distinguished service award for 1949 in recognition of his worker on the artificial manufacture of cortisone.

Announcement of the award, presented each year to the person rendering outstanding service to humanity, was made by Dr. Louis L. Mann, president of the Phi Beta Kappa association in the Chicago area.

Cortisone is one of the new "miracle drugs" which aids in the treatment of arthritis.

Presentation of the award will be made at the annual Founders' day dinner on November 30.

Reddick Writing Sigma Who's Who

ATLANTA—(ANP)—Dr. L. D. Reddick of Atlanta University, editor of the Crescent, official organ of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, is engaged in collecting factual data to be used in a book entitled "Who Is Who and Who was Who in Sigma."

The book, expected to be off the press on or about April 1, will be in commemoration of the 35th anniversary of the fraternal organization.

Noted Sigmas Named

Listed among the 500 distinguished personalities whose works will be mentioned in the book are:

Dr. George Washington Carver, eminent Tuskegee Institute scientist; James Weldon Johnson, noted poet, statesman and song writer; Dr. R. R. Moton, foremost educator; Alain Locke, first colored Rhodes scholar; Ambrose Caliver, assistant to the U. S. Commissioner of Education;

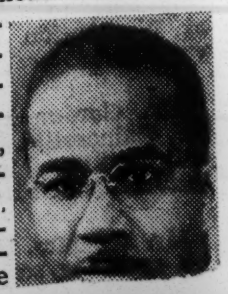
partment of

R. O. Johnson, head of the department of education, Atlanta University system and Sigma president; James A. Jackson, public relation and business specialist; H. A. Howard, founder-president, Broadway Savings and Loan Association, Los Angeles; and J. W. Johnson, internal revenue collector of New York.

Dr. Reddick was formerly curator of the Schomburg Collection in the Harlem Branch Library, New York.

Phi Beta Sigma President To Speak Here

Dr. Ras Oliver Johnson, national president of Phi Beta Sigma fraternity, will speak at 4 p.m. Sunday to the Louisville Pan-Hellenic Council at Plymouth Congregational Church. His subject is "Meeting The Challenge of Our Time."



Dr. Johnson, head of the division of education and psychology at Morris Brown College, Atlanta, will be introduced by J. Benjamin Horton, Jr., president of the Louisville Council and of Epsilon Beta Sigma chapter here. Miss Gladys Watts, accompanied by Mrs. Thelma Hampton, will sing.

DR. JOHNSON

Sigma Officers Map Plans For 35th Conclave

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The executive committee of the General Board of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., met here recently to complete plans for the fraternity's 35th anniversary conclave to be held in Washington, Dec. 27 through 30 inclusive.

Hosts to the conclave will be Alpha and Alpha Sigma Chapters, the former being the first chapter of the fraternity. It was founded at Howard University in 1914.

Members of the general board present were: Dr. R. O. Johnson, national president, from Atlanta, Ga.; William E. Doar, Jr., national executive secretary, from Brooklyn, N. Y.; Dr. Felix J. Brown, national vice president, from Richmond, Va.; James A. Jackson, national commercial counsellor, from New York City; Dr. George L. Hightower, national treasurer, from Atlanta, Ga.; Hutson L. Lovell, national director of social action, from New York City and Woodrow W. Carter, eastern district regional director, from New York City.

Sigmas Announce $1,800 To Scholarship Winners

WASHINGTON — (ANP) — The Phi Beta Sigma fraternity announced thirteen winners in its annual essay scholarship contest last week. Topic of this year's essay was "The Relationship of Business to Civil Rights."

Boys in graduating high school classes from all over the country participated in the contest for $1800 in cash prizes. Winners announced by Horace F. Johnson H, national director of education of the fraternity, were:

Eastern region: first prize, Donald M. Tignor, Washington; second prize, Shane H. Mage, New York, and third Boris M. Astrachan and Alexander Neuwirth New York, co-authors.

Southern division: first, Payton Cook, Griffin, Ga.; second, William H. Collins Jr., Savannah, Ga., and third, Robert F. Prater, Alcorn, Miss.

Northern region: first, Charlie Erwin Banks and second Ralph Elliott Jr., both of Chicago.

Lone star region: Robert E. Jones, and second, Virgil Hammand, both of Austin, Texas.

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Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity

38th Annual Conclave
Set by Sigmas

Washington-(ANP)-The Executive Committee of Phi Beta Sigma fraternity last week completed plans for the organization's thirty-eighth annual Conclave to be held here Oct. 27-30.

H.A. Howard, president and general manager of the Broadway Federal Savings and Loan Association of Los Angeles, will head the fraternity's business activities.

EXPECT 500

Hosts to the conclave will be Alpha and Alpha Sigma chapters. Plans are being made to house 500 visiting members and delegates during Christmas Week. Alpha Chapter, founded in 1914 at Howard University, was the first chapter of the fraternity.

General chairman of the meeting will be Dean George A. Parker, former national president. Those present at the executive board meeting were:

Dr. R.O. Johnson, national President, Atlanta; William E. Doar, Jr., national executive secretary, Brooklyn; Dr. Felix J. Brown, national vice president, Richmond, Va.; James A. Jackson, national commercial counsellor, New York; Dr. George L. Hightower, national treasurer, Atlanta; Hutson L. Lovell, national director of social action, New York; and Woodrow W. Carter, Eastern regional director, New York.

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Fraternity Awards Pupils $1800.

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (NNPA) — Winners of $1800 in cash prizes, awarded by Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity in its annual essay contest, were announced last week by J. Benjamin Horton Jr., associate national publicity director. First prize winners were:

Donald M. Tignor, Washington, Eastern region; Charles E. Banks, Chicago, Northern region; Peyton Cook, Griffin, Ga. Southern region; Robert E. Jones, Austin, Texas, Lone Star region; Maurice Rabb, Louisville, Ky., central region; and James C. McCormick, Dunn, N.C., Southeastern region.

Purpose of Contest

Horace F. Johnson 2nd, director of the fraternity's education department, said the fraternity conducts the contest for high school seniors in the hope that young men who have reached the first major milestone of their educational careers may have their thinking directed toward some of the current fundamental issues.

He added that the second purpose is to bring out the fresh and unfettered thinking of youngsters on problems before which their "tired and senile elders shrink in cowardly resignation and defeat." The fraternity hopes that "vigorous and agile youth can be stimulated to become alert and informed citizens."

Runners-up in the contest were: Eastern region — Shane H. Mage, New York City, second prize; Boris M. Astrachen and Alexander Neuwirth, both of the Bronx, N.Y., third prize. Southern region — William H. Collins Jr., Savannah, Ga., second prize; and Robert F. Pratre, Alcorn, Miss., third prize. Northern region — Ralph C. Elliott Jr., Chicago, second prize; Lone Star region — Virgil Hammon, Austin, Texas, second prize; Central region — Joseph M. Aldridge, Welch, Va., second prize.

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Anniversary Organ Lists Phi Beta Sigma's 'Greats'

ATLANTA—The 35th anniversary edition of the Crescent, official journal of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, contains biographical sketches of 360 prominent members of the Greek letter clan under the heading of Who's Who in Sigma.

Among those whose pictures also accompany their biographical sketches are:

The late George Washington Carver, the late Judge Robert H. Terrell, Alain Locke, L. D. Reddick, L. F. Morse, one of the frat's founders; Jacob L. Reddix, president of Jackson College, Miss.; C. E. Rochelle, educator; Elmo M. Anderson, the father of the group's social action program;

Mel Patrick. journalist; John Ashhurst, student; Vernon F. Green, Army officer; Lucius Harper, newspaper editor; Dr. John E. T. Camper, Baltimore physician; Jesse W. Lewis, attorney and Howard U. professor; Bishop W. J. Walls, AME Zion prelate;

Lawyers, Doctors, Chiefs

George F. Robinson Sr., Masonic leader; the late James Weldon Johnson, Dr. John O. Plummer of Raleigh, N.C.; Dr. John A. Turner, surgeon; Elmer A. Henderson, educator; J. Richman Johnson, musician; Leon G. Kirkpatrick, pianist;

A. W. Parker, religious leader; A. W. Mitchell, former U.S. Congressman; Col. H. D. Queen, VA administrator; George A. Blakey, director of social action; George A. Parker, dean of Terrell Law School; L. I. Alexander, Florida financier;

W. S. Savage, historian; William E. Doar Jr., employment consultant; Dr. I. L. Scruggs, notable [illegible] leader; George D. F. Flemings, dentist; Henry W. Jen[illegible], A. S. "Jake" Gaither, coach;

Lawrence Zellicofer, student progidy; Lawrence Whisonant, singer, Ralph Jones, editor; Bishop W. R. Wilkes, prelate AME Church; and Dr. Felix J. Brown, frat vice-president.

Not All-Inclusive List

This section of the Crescent especially remarks that the 360 persons listed are not all of the "eminent sons of Sigma," but it states it does embrace the largest round-up of them that has ever been made.

The organization's present president is Dr. Ras Oliver Johnson, department head at Morris Brown College, a specialist in adult education, who has done work with the United States Office of Education. L. D. Reddick is the Crescent's editor.

The fraternity is to hold its 35th anniversary conclave in Washington on Dec. 27-30.

Local Sigmas Purchase CNDA Clubhouse For Headquarters

PHI BETA SIGMA HOUSE

The clubhouse at 4941 South Parkway, formerly occupied by the Chicago Northern District Association of Colored Women's Clubs has been taken over as the permanent home of the Upsilon Sigma chapter of the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity.

Purchase of the building brought to a climax a building fund drive started in 1947 by the chapter that has more than 100 active members in the city, mostly professional and business men.

The chapter was founded in 1922, by J. E. Smith, local insurance executive, who still retains the presidency. In taking over the building, Smith announced that its facilities will be available to other organizations for meetings and social affairs.

Other officers are: Granville Wallace, vice president; Maurice A. Moore, financial secretary; J. J. Smith, treasurer; Atty. A. M. Burroughs, chairman, housing committee; Walter L. Carter, chairman, program committee; Dr. H. S. Coleman, chaplain; Miller Collins, corresponding secretary; James Moore, recording secretary; Atty. Fleetwood McCoy, parliamentarian; W. S. McClerkin, Local Editor; E. E. Person, delegate, Pan Hellenic Council; Anderson C. Brunt, sergeant-at-arms, and the following Committee Chairmen: L. M. Ervin, social; Atty. William G. Bennet, constitution; Dr. E. C. Small, membership; Hugh F. Lewis, key committee; John F. Tardif, auditing; Horace F. Johnson, education; Ernest A. Griffin, Bigger and Better Business, and Atty. Roy A. Washington, Social Action.

Negro Member Costs Amherst Frat Charter

Washington Post
Washington, D.C.

Cleveland, Jan. 8 (AP).—The executive committee of Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity has revoked the charter of its Amherst College Chapter, which last year pledged a Negro, a spokesman disclosed today. Sun.-1-9-49

The revocation followed a hearing conducted by the executive committee at Chicago, December 30-31, on charges of breach of agreement filed by fraternity members.

The spokesman explained that the Amherst chapter, at the fraternity's national convention in Estes Park, Colo., last July agreed to depledge Gibbs and not to repledge or initiate him.

Since then, the spokesman added, the chapter has repledged Gibbs and threatened to initiate him.

Chapter Is 'Shocked' At Losing Its Charter

Amherst, Mass., Jan. 8 (AP).—The Amherst chapter of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity said today the house was "shocked" at losing its charter because of a Negro member, but added: "We feel we owe apologies to no one." Sun.-1-9-49

James G. Bandeen, Midland, Mich., recently elected president of the house, which organized as a local fraternity, "Amherst Phi Psi," after its suspension from the national group last November, declared:

"The whole house is shocked by the executive council's decision. At the same time we feel that we owe apologies to no one, except, perhaps, to Tom, who has gone through a very difficult and embarrassing experience."

Bandeen referred to Thomas W. Gibbs, Evanston, Ill., the Negro member who was initiated November 23.

Ideals of Phi Kappa Psi

To the New York Herald Tribune:

In connection with your judgment adverse to Phi Kappa Psi national college fraternity concerning the suspension of the Massachusetts Alpha (Amherst College) chapter, please permit me to point to certain considerations which are basic to such organizations and yet unmentioned in your writing.

The ninety-six-year-old fraternity has many old and highly respected Southern chapters. They have always carried forward the high ideals of Phi Psi in complete good fellowship with Northern members. If any of them objected to any man's admission to the organization, the chapter concerned was bound to respect the objection. The reason might be on the ground of plain incompatibility or something more serious.

The issue that the Amherst boys raised was not essentially a matter of the color of a man's skin. The boy must be very fine to have been offered membership in our organization. It boiled down simply to the fundamental of brotherly love, if you will, which has thwarted many fine candidates, others being white and yellow skinned. But we pledged and swore to keep this a homogeneous body without irritations to any one so far as is humanly possible. The Grand Arch Council and the executive committee only did their sworn duty in upholding the president in suspending a chapter because it transgressed from fraternity laws and policy.

HOWARD H. SMITH,
Syracuse University Chapter 1911.
Washington, D. C., Dec. 25, 1948.

[From Late Editions of Yesterday's TIMES.]

NEGROES HAIL FRATERNITY

Amherst Chapter Gets Award for Defying Prejudices

New York Times
Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

NORWALK, Conn., April 22—The action of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity at Amherst College several months ago in taking in a Negro student despite ouster from the national organization, has won an inter-racial award for the chapter.

The New England regional conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, which has been meeting here, presented the Harry Smith Oswell Award tonight to the Amherst chapter "to encourage unity of purpose and closer fellowship among people of all races." Harry Barnes of St. Paul, Minn., vice president of the Amherst unit, accepted the scroll for the group.

Taking note of Paul Robeson's statement in Paris that Negroes would not fight against Soviet Russia, the association adopted a resolution declaring that Mr. Robeson "did not express the opinion and viewpoints of the loyal majority of Negroes of this country."

Bostonians Quit Fraternity on Jimcrow Issue

Daily Worker
New York

BOSTON, May 25 (UP).—Two noted Bostonians announced today they have resigned from Phi Kappa PSI fraternity in protest against the expulsion of the Amherst chapter which lost its charter for pledging a Negro student.

Director Alfred S. Romer of Harvard's Museum of Comparative Zoology and Boston University English professor Donald Born said they quit the national fraternity to show their support of the Amherst chapter's action in pledging Thomas Gibbs of Evanston, Ill.

2 Leaders Resign From Fraternity

Chicago Defender
Chicago, Ill.

BOSTON—Fraternity Jim Crow resulted in the resignation of two prominent citizens here last week from Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

Alfred S. Romer, director of Harvard's Museum of Comparative Zoology, and Donald Born, local English professor, left the organization in protest against the expulsion of Amherst chapter which lost its charter for pledging a Negro student, Thomas Gibbs of Evanston, Ill. Sat. 6-4-49

In commenting on the biased action of Phi Kappa Psi, Mr. Romer said: "Organizations of this sort, following principles of social and racial exclusiveness, would have been more appropriate for Hitler's Germany than they are for democratic America."

Alumnus Praises Amherst Frat For Pledging Negro

Journal & Guide, Norfolk, Va.
Sat. 7-23-49

PLEASANTVILLE, N. Y. — The stand taken by alumni and undergraduate members of Amherst College's chapter of the national Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, in sticking to their decision to admit Tom Gibbs, a Negro, to membrship, is hailed by Alfred S. Romer, an alumnus of the chapter, in The Reader's Digest for August. The article is condensed from The Atlantic Monthly.

The Amherst chapter's decision to take in Gibbs, despite bitter opposition on the part of the fraternity's national executive council and others, resulted in the chapter's expulsion from the national organization. The name of Phi Kappa Psi has disappeared from the Amherst campus. Reorganized as Phi Alpha Psi, the house continues Romer says, "with the respect and admiration of the college community." Sat. 7-23-49

Of Tom Gibbs, the author notes that he was a "modest, friendly, likable boy, a naturally popular one, and one of the first members of his class to be admitted to the student council. The boys of the chapter were not professional liberals, campaigning for social equality. They liked Tom and wanted him to be one of themselves. It was as simple as that." Also, the article points out, the chapter's action was in line with the college trustees' stated belief that "any man good enough to be admitted to Amherst College should be good enough to be admitted to its component social groups."

In conclusion, the author admits to "a warm feeling in my heart that in this torn world there exists educational institutions with high ideals and young men with principles and the strength to defend them. I salute Amherst College and my brothers in Phi Alpha Psi, winners in their battle with reaction."

U. OF WISCONSIN'S PHI SIGMA DELTA PLEDGES NEGRO

MADISON, Wisconsin (ANP)—Weathers Y. (Sonny) Sykes of Chicago, became the first Negro pledged by the University of Wisconsin chapter of Phi Sigma Delta here last week. The chapter has sent a letter to other fraternity chapters in the country asking their reaction.

Jewish Frat To Admit Negro

NEW YORK—(AP)—A National Jewish college fraternity yesterday voted to admit Negroes and approved the pledging of a Negro student by the University of Wisconsin chapter.

The Negro, Weathers "Sonny" Sykes, 23, a Wisconsin senior, was pledged last Spring by Pi chapter of Phi Sigma Delta.

Delegates to the fraternity's 40th national convention here passed overwhelmingly a resolution saying that "no male undergraduate shall be denied membership in Phi Sigma Delta solely because of his race, color or creed."

AKA's Evaluate Health Program

NEW YORK (NNPA)—The Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority was told last Saturday that its national health committee and its chapters can play a vital role in raising the health standards of this nation by helping to fill the gap between what existing health agencies "know how to do and what they are doing."

The message was delivered by Dr. Dorothy Boulding Farebee, former national president of the sorority and present director of its student health program at Howard University. Dr. Farebee spoke as a member of a panel brought together by the AKA's to evaluate the contribution of the sorority's health program and to consider the role of the voluntary health agency in the field of health today.

Other speakers on the panel, which was held at the YWCA, included Mrs. Estelle Massey Osborne, instructor in nursing education at New York University; Dr. Connie Y. Odom, Texas State Department Health consultant; Mrs. Grace Marr, educational director of the Harlem Hospital School of Nursing; Patricia Roberts, assistant director of the American Council on Human Rights, and Dr. Mary Wright Thompson of Boston.

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Mme. Pandit to Receive Citation From AKA's

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—Mrs. Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, Indian Ambassador to the United States, and sister of the much feted Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, India's Prime Minster, will receive a citation as an award for her contributions to the cause of human freedom and for her status as the first woman ambassador to the United States, at the Brooklyn Academy of Music on Sunday, Nov. 13, at 3 P. M.

The presentation will be made by Delta Rho Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, national interracial organization of college women, noted for such outstanding members as Marion Anderson, Etta Moten, Beulah T. Whitby of Wayne College, and Estelle Massey Osborne.

Enthusiasm in Brooklyn is running high over the honor of Mrs Pandit's presence at this time. Sentenced to jail in her native India, because she taught the equality of all peoples to live freely under a government of their own choosing, she set the example which resulted in the emergence of Indian women in the professions, business and public life there.

Opening remarks on this occasion will be made by Ann Arnold Hedgeman, assistant to Oscar Ewing, head of the Federal Security Agency in Washington, D. C. Mrs. Thomasina Johnson Norford will act as spokesman for the Brooklyn group in delivering the presentation address. This affair, a continuation of the chapter's policy of interracial cooperation, is the initial in a series of salutes to outstanding contributors to human freedom.

AKA's INITIATE WHITE MEMBERS

Washington-Alpha Kappa Alpha oldest Negro woman's Greek letter group, again established a precedent in its initiation November 29 of two members of the white race. There were five initiates in all. Those initiated into Xi Omega Chapter, Washington, D.C., are Miss Olive Young, LL.B. George Washington University. Analyst, U.S. Dept., of Labor. Miss Eugenia Heagan. M.A. Howard University, Teacher Shaw Jr., High School; Mrs. Inez C. Walker, A.B. Spelman, College Clerk, Lucy D. Slowe Hall; Mrs. Margery T. Ware, M.S. Wellesly College, research worker, McGraw Hill publications; and Mrs. Mary Turner, B.S. Miner Teachers College, Teacher Randall Junior High School.

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AKA's Name Mrs. Lovelace Pres. At Houston

The unanimous election Thursday afternoon of Mrs. Laura Fife Lovelace to the position of National Basileus of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority was announced by her close friend, Mrs. Margaret Davis Bowen.

Mrs. Lovelace is a native of Cincinnati, Ohio, where she is a teacher in the public school system and is a former YWCA secretary. She succeeds to the post of Supreme Basileus, Mrs. Edna Over Gray, who served the sorority as national president a maximum term of three years.

Mrs. Bowen, who was apprised of Mrs. Lovelace's election by telegram, told an Atlanta World representative that Attorney William Lovelace, her husband, is currently in Atlanta, attending the Alpha Phi Alpha convention.

The Alpha Kappa Alphas are holding their meeting in Houston, Texas. Mrs. Lucile M. Scott, Atlanta Daily World Manager of National Circulation, is editor of Ivy Leaf. the sorority's official organ.

AKA's Open National Headquarters in Chi.

CHICAGO — Formal opening of national headquarters for the 216 chapters of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority was held this month in Chicago at 6308 Cottage Grove Avenue, with Beta and Theta Omega Chapters serving as hostesses to members of other fraternal organizations who expressed best wishes.

Present for the occasion were Supreme Basileus Edna Over Gray of Baltimore, Supreme Grammateus Carolyn S. Blanton of Louisville, and Supreme Tamiochus Irma F. Clarke of Chicago. In charge as administrative secretary is Miss Carey B. Maddox of Washington, D. C.

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Three Negroes were initiated at the meeting also. They were Mmes. Inez C. Walker, Eugenia Reagin and Mary G. Turner.

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Alpha Kappa Alphas Donate Hospital Room

The Hospital Committee of Beta Iota Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, chatting informally with Supreme Basileus Edna Over Gray, Baltimore, after dedication and formal acceptance of the room at L. Richardson Hospital at Greensboro, N.C. Left to right are Mrs. A. White, Mrs. L. Tarpley, Mrs. E. Over Gray, Mrs. G. Wood, Mrs. Anne Davis, chairman of committee, and Mrs M. Falkener. The room which was completely furnished and equipped by Beta Iota Omega Chapter of A.K.A., and made a permanent project by the group, is the only private room in the hospital. It was accepted by Mrs. C. I. Carlson and Dr. George Evans, members of the Board of Trustees, and Mrs. Ella Hargrave, director of nursing service, representing the administration.

Washington Host To 900 Visitors For AKA Boule

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(NNPA) Approximately 900 delegates from all sections of the country were expected to arrive here before the close of the 28th annual boule of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, which opened Monday.

The highlight of the convention was the public meeting at the Commerce Department Auditorium Wednesday evening. Two speakers of international reputation, Miss Frieda S. Miller, director of the Women's Bureau of the Labor Department, and Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, director of the United Nations Trusteeship Division shared the platform.

Miss Miller was scheduled to discuss "The Role of Women in the Nation's Economy," and the subject of Dr. Bunche's address had not been announced.

LUNCHEONS, DANCES

Other events of importance during the convention included a luncheon, at which Charles H. Houston, prominent attorney and member of the National Committee on Segregation in the Nation's Capital, spoke on civil rights.

Another luncheon featured speakers from the National Historical Society. The week's festivities also included an open dance on Dec. 28 at the Uline Arena, a Pan-Hellenic dance at the Armory on Dec. 30, and a closed dance for AKA members and their escorts after the banquet on New Year's Eve at Banneker Junior High.

Miss Boyd Sails for Argentina

NEW YORK—Miss Norma E. Boyd, former director of the Non-Partisan Council on Public Affairs, Alpha Kappa Alpha, sailed aboard the S. S. Argentina for Buenos Aires last Saturday.

Miss Boyd will attend the conference of Inter-American Commission of Women, representing the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. She will be in Buenos Aires for two weeks, then on to Rio de Janiero, where she will remain for several months.

Interested in the International Student Home Association, Miss Boyd will be working in the interest of United Nations contacting former members of the International Student Houses now living in Brazil.

The State Department has notified all Cultural Attaches to extend all courtesies to Miss Boyd during her stay. She may be gone for a year.

Miss Boyd has devoted her life to the interests of all young people and is considered one of the most progressive women in American life. On retiring from the school system last year she stated that she would devote the rest of her life to the success of the United Nations.

A bon voyage party was given Miss Boyd attended by Helen Mayle, Lena Martin, Aloncita Flood, Genevieve Dalton, (sister of Norma Boyd, companion traveler) Alma Latimer, Norma Boyd, Florence Thomas, Myrtle Martin, Evelyn Tillar, Vivian Marshall and Bereniece Booker.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Gives $425 to Samaritan Hospital

Shown above are members of the health committee of Alpha Lambda Omega chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, Charlotte, N.C., as they presented to the Good Samaritan Hospital a check for $425, to be used for full equipment for a private room at the hospital. Pictured are, left to right, first row: Mrs. Anne W. Roberts, chairman of the health committee;

M. W. Henson, superintendent of Good Samaritan Hospital; Mrs. E. M. Blakeney, supervisor of nurses; second row: Miss Elizabeth G. Schmoke, chapter basileus; Mrs. Esther Fennell Miss Nannie Covington, Miss M. Alma Blake. and Mrs. Allene McCorkle.

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FOLKESES HOSTS

The Frank (Mae) Folkes held forth at their recently acquired Windsor Avenue Maison, Saturday night with a cocktailer honoring Mrs. H. H. Phipps of Hot Springs, Ark., and Drs. Kenneth and Mamie Clark of New York City.

Mrs. Phipps is the wife of Dr. Phipps who owns the famed Hot Springs health institution, and the Clarks are their son-in-law and daughter (Dr. Mamie Clark looks like the youngest Ph.D. in captivity to me) who run the much talked of Northside Center for Child Development in New York City.

The Folkeses served a buffet upstairs, but most of the guets garnered trays and flipped right down to the club room for sippables.

About were:

Messrs. and Mesdames Hawthorne Smith, Alfred E. Smith of Washington, Bernard Holley, Sinclair Swan, C. C. Jackson, William Walker, Stanley Williams, John Sessoms, Clifton Lamb;

Doctors and Mesdames Gilbert Banfield, Bruce Alleyne, Cyril Atkinson, Julius White;

Mesdames Mary Morrow, Beatrice Collins, Mark Patterson, Milton Ranson, Alice Arrington, Paul Henderson, Alfred Moore, Floyd Keeble, Ellsworth Wilson and Miss Carmen Toppin.

WITH THE WOMEN

Dr. T. Ruth Brett, associate personnel director at Tuskegee Institute, and Lt. Kenneth Knight, recent graduate of Colorado University have sailed for Germany, where they will work with the American Friends Service Committee. Dr. Brett and Mr. Knight will be working with three of the neediest groups in Germany today—refugees, displaced persons, and students. Dr Brett will work with students both DP and German, attending the University of Munich. Mr Knight will work with refugees in camps around Oldenburg, in the British Zone of Germany.

Dr. T. R. Brett

The student center in Munich at which Dr. Brett will carry out her assignment was planned cooperatively by the Service Committee and the University of Munich. Its primary purpose is to provide a place for some of the 18,000 students at the university, to get to know one another and to meet professors on an informal basas. Through such meetings, the tensions and misunderstandings which have arisen between Germans and the displaced persons among them can be overcome.

Both Dr. Brett and Mr. Knight have 18-month appointments to Germany. Dr. Brett, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Brett o Winston, N. C., has served as associate personnel director at Tuskegee since 1945. Before that, she had served as dean of students at Bennett College, Greensboro, N.C.; as dean of women at Dillard University, New Orleans, La.; and as assistant to the dean at Spelman College, Atlanta, Ga. She graduated from Shaw University, in Raleigh, N.C.; received her master's degree at Hartford Seminary, and her doctorate from Teachers College, Columbia University.

Wallulah Ockleberry, of Jefferson City, Mo., and recently of the faculty of Shaw University, has already arrived in Nurnberg, Germany, to assume a post as recreational director of Army personnel. She will have the civilian rank of captain.

Mrs. Catherine E. Robinson, Baltimore, Md. Who has been employed as librarian at the Kitzingen (Germany) Training Center library for a year, has received a letter of commendation from Brig. Gen. Lewis C. Beebe, commanding general of Wurzborg Military Post.

The letter, signed by Gen. Beebe, reads as follows:

"I should like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the very fine work you have done in all phases of operation of the Special Services Libraries located at the Kitzingen Training Center, Flak Kaserne and Lager Hammelburg.

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Mrs. Robinson, a graduate of Atlanta University, was formerly librarian at the Pitcher Street branch of the Enoch Pratt Library in Baltimore. She is the wife of Captain John C. Robinson, chief of the general subjects committee at the training center.

Down in Salisbury, last week, Minnie W. Buford, Winston-Salem, N.C. social worker, was getting settled in her new post with the Rowan Welfare Department. She will work with children. And off to France, with pleasant memories of the cocktail party given for her by Ruth Williams, went Muriel Walden of Cambridge, Mass., last week.

In Boston, Mass., Mrs. Mildred H. Mahoney, chairman, announced the appointment of Miss Mary K. Fitzgerald, Boston editor and lecturer, to direct educational and research functions of the Massachusetts Fair Employment Practice Commission.

Miss Fitzgerald is retiring as executive secretary of the Frances Sweeney Committee, an organization which in recent years has worked to develop better racial and religious understanding, to take over her new duties. She will continue, for the present, as chairman of the Intergroup Relations Council, a state-wide organization.

Born and educated in Boston, Miss Fitzgerald gave up a career on one of the city's daily newspapers to devote her full attention to uncovering and combatting organized groups spreading intolerance during the early war years. As secretary of the Frances Sweeney Committee, she played an important part in obtaining the enactment of the fair employment practice statute in this State, the second State in the nation to proclaim it unlawful to refuse a person employment solely because of his race, religion or color.

Mrs. Ella Washington Griffin of the Office of Education, Federal Security Agency, has been assigned to the Pilot Project of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, in Haiti, Federal Security Administrator Oscar R. Ewing announced last Saturday.

During the past three years Mrs. Griffin has been on the editorial staff of the project for adult education, directed by Ambrose Caliver, specialist in Higher education of Negroes in the Office of Education.

Mrs. Griffin is a graduate of State Teachers College, Framingham, Mass. She received her master's degree from Clark University, Worcester, Mass. Her experiences at all levels of education and in government includes teaching, supervision, administration, research, social work, recreational counseling, and creative writing. She has already begun her work in Haiti.

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UN Mediator For Palestine Addresses AKA Sorors' Meet

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WASHINGTON, D.C.—(NNPA)—The decisive test of the ability of the postwar world to give meaning and effect to the ideals and principles for which two world wars have been fought is confronting the world today, Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, United Nations mediator for Palestine, declared last Wednesday night.

Addressing the public meeting of the fortieth anniversary boule of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Dr. Bunche said colored Americans must wage an unrelenting struggle to obtain the "fundamental rights of freedom and equality" because they are their birthrights as American citizens and to these the United States Constitution entitles them.

Dr. Bunche made only passing references to the Palestine situation, and these were by way of illustration of the "ridiculous ends to which racial thinking may go," and to point out that race was not a factor in the negotiations the United Nations mission to Palestine, which he headed after the death of Count Folke Bernadotte on September 17, carried on with the Israelis and Arabs.

CRITICAL OF DUBOIS

While expressing the "greatest admiration" for Dr. W. E. B. DuBois, whose services as special research director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People were terminated by the Board of Directors, effective December 31, Dr. Bunche was critical of his "racial thinking."

Dr. Bunche prefaced his criticism of Dr. Du Bois by saying that no one can express the debt which colored people of this country owe him, and in any meeting on human rights it must be rocognized that "it was really Dr. Du Bois who taught us to think in terms of human rights. But in recent years he has become constantly racial in his thinking."

Dr. Bunche said he had been informed that at a meeting in Madison Square Garden not long ago Dr. Du Bois thought it necessary to offer an apology to the Jewish community on behalf of the colored community "for my misdeeds in Palestine."

"That apology was offered," said Dr. Bunche, "because I am a Negro and the Negro is responsible for me." He explained that it seemed that Dr. Du Bois's thesis was that as a Negro, in the position of United Nations mediator on Palestine, "I was obligated to crusade for the Jewish cause" because the Jews, like the Negroes, were a persecuted group, and a Negro in the position of mediator owed a debt to the Jewish community and had to take a sympathetic position toward their cause.

The result of that sort of thinking, Dr. Bunche said, is quite clear. He asserted that if Dr. Du Bois's thesis is correct, every Negro would be disqualified for the position of mediator "precisely because he is a Negro and comes from a persecuted group, because it means no Negro could be objective in the position. I submit this is sheer nonsense."

Dr. Bunche also referred to an analysis of the motivations behind the decisions he made as the mediator for Palestine.

Seven Founders Attend AKA's 40th Conclave

WASHINGTON, D. C. (N N P A)—The annual convention of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, celebrating the fortieth anniversary of the founding of the sorority, was attended by seven founders of the society and two of the incorporators.

All living founders and incorporators were invited to come to the convention as the guests of the sorority. The seven founders who were here were: Mrs. Ethel H. Lyle, of Philadelphia, originator of the idea; Mrs. Marie W. Taylor, of Atlanta; Mrs. Marga-Beulah Burke and Lillian Burke, both of Washington; Johanna B. ret F. Holmes, of Chicago; Misses Shields, New York City, and Miss Anna Brown, Rocky Mount, North Carolina.

The two incorporators who were in attendance, both Washingtonians, were Miss Norma Boyd and Miss Nellie Quander.

The theme of the convention, which opened here on Monday, December 27, and continued thru last Friday, was "Human Rights--Our Unfinished Business."

Business sessions were held at Banneker Junior high school. Mrs. Edna Over Gray, of Baltimore, supreme basileus of the sorority, presided.

Alpha Kappa Alpha

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WASHINGTON

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The office of basileus, held by Mrs. Edna O. Gray of Baltimore, was not open this year. Mrs. Wallace was formerly southeastern regional director.

Other officers elected included: Sorors Ida Scott, Chicago, an undergraduate, second anti-basileus; Carolyn Blanton, Louisville, grammateus; and Rosetta E. Nolan, Kansas City, parliamentarian.

Houston Next Site

The convention in December, this year, will be held in Houston, Texas.

Soror Lucille Scott, of Atlanta, Ga., was elected editor-in-chief of the Ivy Leaf, official organ of the

Tobin Interviewed

Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin in an interview with representatives of the sorority called FEPC laws, both State and National, the best means of preventing discrimination in the industries.

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The interview with Mr. Tobin was held by the sorority representatives to ask the Secretary's advice as to how the more than 900 delegates to the group's fortieth boule, Dec. 27-31, could get their communities to implement the program of the Labor Department, particularly in the field of economic and civil rights.

Massachusetts Law Cited

Pointing out that the Massachusetts FEPC law came into being during his governorship of that State, Mr. Tobin said that FEPC laws are an effective means of safeguarding the rights of people in the industries.

Citing the employment of colored women in department stores, telephone agencies and other places which formerly barred them, the Labor Secretary said he felt that these women should act as pioneers in paving the way for other members of their race.

These pioneers, he continued, need to be twice as capable as white women in order to secure recognition and advancement in these opening employment areas to assure others coming in.

Wages Discussed

The Secretary also stated that he hopes the minimum wage will be raised to 75 cents per hour and that the 81st Congress will extend social security benefits to domestic and agricultural workers, as well as others not now covered.

Alpha Kappa Alpha sorors who held the interview with Mr. Tobin were: Miss Grace E. Marr, instructor in nursing education, Teachers College, Columbia University, NYC.; Mrs. Edna Over Gray, supreme basileus of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority; Mrs. Robbie Davis, vocational guidance councellor, Omaha, Nebr.:

Mrs. Maude Porter, assistant principal, Central High School, Louisville, Ky.; Mrs. Eunice Matthews, elementary school teacher, Wash., D.C.; Mrs. Beulah Whitby, assistant director, Mayor's Interracial Commission, Detroit, Mich.; Mrs. Muriel Alexander, basileus, Zi Omega Chapter, AKA and General chairman of the convention.

Greetings to the sorority came from Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, Delta Sigma Theta sorority, Lambda Kappa Mu sorority, Chi Delta Mu fraternity and the Metropolitan Council of New Jersey of the NCNW.

Lucille Scott to Edit "Ivy Leaf"

ATLANTA (ANP)—"Ivy Leaf,"

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Robert Tate of the New Jersey

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basileus of the hostess chapter,

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Mrs. Scott began her newspaper career with the Birmington World, later coming to the Atlanta Daily World, where she has served as a member of that staff for the past 14 years. She is also treasurer of the Circulation society of the NAACP, and a life member of the National Council of Negro Women.

Mrs. Scott was initiated into the Alpha Psi Chapter of AKA at Tennessee A. and I. State College many years ago, and later served for a while as basileus of the Kappa Omega chapter.

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Mrs. Scott, who succeeds Mrs. Thelma Thurston Gorham, as editor-in-chief is being assisted by Mrs. Dorothy Williams Wright and Miss Annie Lou McPheeters, associate editors; Miss Elsie M. Davis, art editor, and Mrs. Ruby Flanagan Dhye, co-ordinator of mailing.

Marian Anderson, Hazel Harrison Entertained by Montgomery AKAs

MONTGOMERY, Ala.—Beta Nu Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority entertained Monday night at an informal soiree honoring the celebrated contralto, Marian Anderson, and the piano virtuoso, Hazel Harrison, both honorary members of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. The colorful affair was held in the beautiful new Campus Center of Alabama State College following the brilliant recital of Marian Anderson at the City Auditorium.

In the receiving line were Soror Thelma Smiley Morris, basileus of Beta Nu Omega Chapter; Soror Portia Trenholm, Past Southeastern Regional Director of Alpha Kappa Alpha; Soror Marian Anderson, Soror Hazel Harrison, Soror Albertine Campbell, Soror Margaret Elmore, Soror Thelma Anderson, Soror Cynthia Smith, Soror Grace Parker, Soror Bessie Van Dyke and Soror Mary Rutledge, basileus of Beta Pi Chapter.

PRESENTED GIFTS

Beautiful gift handkerchiefs were presented to the charming honorees by Soror Jule Clayton Lewis. A delicious repast was served by the Ivies, after which the sorority hymn was sung in traditional manner.

Other guests included Sorors of Beta Pi Chapter and their escorts and the husbands and escorts of Beta Nu Omega Chapter. The courtesy committee responsible for this unforgetable affair is headed by Soror Doris R. Parker and includes Sorors Thelma Glass, Althalie Smiley and Willease Simpson.

CHAPTERS HEAR BOULE REPORTS

Beta Nu Omega and Beta Pi Chapters of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority met recently in the girl's reception room of Bibb Graves Hall. After a stimulating business session presided over by Basileus Thelma S. Morris, the meeting was turned over to the program chairman, Soror Cynthia Smith. The program featured reports from the twenty-eighth National Boule of the sorority which convened in Washington, D.C., recently commemorating the fortieth anniversary of its founding and dedicated to the theme "Civil Rights—Our Unfinished Business."

Significant and challenging reports were made by the chapter delegates, Sorors Thelma Morris, Albertine Campbell, Ruth Vines and Tessie Oliver. Interesting additons were given by undergraduate delegates Sorors Alvan Jean Freeny and Bessie Howard. Other sorors attending the Washington Boule were Doris R. Parker, Jule Clayton Lewis and Lucy B. Campbell.

SOCIAL HOUR FOLLOWS

Following the reports, a delightful social hour was enjoyed highlighted with the singing of sorority songs by Beta Pi Chapter. A delectable repast was served by the hostesses, who were: Sorors Mary Fair Burks, Willease S. Clayton, Albertine Campbell, Lucy Campbell, Faustine Dunn, Thelma Glass, Margaret Elmore and Genevieve Griffin.

Soror Mildred Hall was welcomed back to the chapter after an absence of several months.

A charming visiting soror was Soror Agnita Turner Jamison, a neophite and initiate of Kappa Gamma Chapter, Tuskegee Institute.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Holds Conference in Boston

BOSTON, Mass. — The North Atlantic Regional Conference of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority met here with Epsilon and Psi Omega chapters as hostesses.

Meetings were held at the YWCA, with a panel discussion, "Human Rights—Our Unfinished Business" open to the public. Mrs. Edna Over Gray, grand basileus, was moderator.

Among the visiting sorors were: Elizabeth Johnson, Jamaica L.I.; Golda Moody, Leathe Hemanchandra, both of St. Albans, N.Y.; Catherine Pinkney, Corona, N.Y.; Thelma Hardiman, Buffalo, N. Y.; Edwina Davis. East Oragne, N.J.; Venus Johnson, Wilmington, Del.; Geneva Wistner, Dover, Del.; Helene McRae, Annapolis, Md.;

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RICHMOND, Va.—Chi Eta Phi Sorority held its fourth boule on the campus of Virginia Union University, here last week end.

Sessions were held in Hartshorn Hall, and attended by 56 delegates.

Soror Aliene Ewell, supreme basileus, presided at the Friday morning session, at which time welcome addresses were made by Mrs. Elizabeth Balfour Ellison, wife of the president of the college, and Soros Sylvia Vox Hines, of Zeta, the entertaining chapter.

Baltimorean Speaks

Response was by Soror Fanida Pendleton Friend, of Gamma chapter, Baltimore.

Delegates were guests at a dance on Friday evening.

A business session and memorial to the late Soror Lucy Turner, former financial secretary, were held on Saturday morning.

Officers Elected

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Sadie D. Spradley, Washington, supreme basileus; Fanida Friend, Baltimore, supreme anti-basileus; Mattie Gilmore, Washington, supreme epistoleus; Fostine Riddick, Norfolk, supreme grammateus; Hortense R. Johnson, Washington, national organizer; Mildred Lucas, Washington, tamias;

Mazelle Dickerson, Baltimore, parliamentarian; Katherine Belton, Philadelphia, sergeant-at-arms.

Soror Marian B. Seymour of Washington installed the new officers.

Mrs. John Honored

Mrs. Ada Vessels John, executive secretary of the National Association of Colored Graduate Nurses, was made an honorary member. Speaker at the meeting was Soror Fostine Riddick, who talked on "Today's Preparedness for Tomorrow's Challenges."

Worship on Sunday morning at Moore Street Baptist Church. The Rev. Gordon B. Hancock was speaker.

A luncheon was held at Slaughter's Hotel on Sunday afternoon. Presiding was Soror Coralease Wallace, president of the hostess chapter. Speakers were Mrs. Clarissa K. Dillard, associate professor of English at Virginia Union University; and Dr. Edwin Ragland of Richmond. A traveling case was presented to the out-going basileus, Soror Ailene Ewell.

Alpha Kappa Alpha sorors entertained the visitors at a weiner roast on Saturday evening.

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On Thursday evening the delegates and visitors were entertained at a "Get Acquainted" party in the home of soror Queen E. Shootes. Friday afternoon they were conducted to the many places of historic, cultural and scenic interest on the campus and in the community.

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The central region of the Deltas organized the program on the recommendation of the health department of Oklahoma. It began with a mass meeting of more than 2,000 citizens in the Boley high school auditorium. Facilities from 21 county, state, and national agencies were made available to the sorority for the program whose theme was "Improvement through Health Education."

Mrs. Mary Buford Lee is project chairman. She appointed a Boley student as chairman of the junior cleanup committee. A diabetic clinic a midwives clinic and other technicians were available to give blood tests, drinking water tests from wells and to vaccinate dogs in the community.

Registered at various departments was as follows:

All departments, 1,043; midwives from counties, 27; infant and preschool exams, 77; blood tests, 238; urinalysis for diabetes, 256; dental examinations, 315; chest x-rays, 478 highway exhibits, 1,250 and cancer exhibits 1,500.

Prizes were awarded for the healthiest babies, best kept cleanest cafes, and other businesses, and most significant posters.

Chapters of the central region gave the prizes. Mrs. Theresa B. Moore is director of the region.

FIVE OF THE FOUNDERS of the Delta Sigma Theta sorority attended the Founder's Day celebration sponsored by Newark, N. J. and New York chapters at the Grant Street Boys association in New York recently. They are, left to right: Naomi Sewell Richardson, Washingtonville, N. Y.; Jimmie Bugg Middleton, Washington; Oscelola McCarthy Adams, New York; Ethel Motte Young, Brooklyn and Ethel Cuff Black, Jamaica, N. Y.

New York Deltas Honor Founder

NEW YORK— Alpha Sigma Chapter and Rho Chapter of New York City, and Kappa Sigma Chapter of Newark, N.J., of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority celebrated Founders' Day on Saturday afternoon, January 8th, at the Grand Street Boys Association, 106 W. 55th St.

More than a hundred Deltas attended the luncheon.

Miss Audrey Howard, president of Rho Chapter, served as mistress of ceremonies. The program included musical numbers by Miss Dorothy Smith and Miss Delores Swann. Greetings from Kappa Sigma Chapter were given by Mrs. Marcia Williams, president; from Rho Chapter by Miss Mary Barber, vice president; and from Alpha Sigma Chapter by Miss Maude Watkins, president. There were also greetings given by the eastern regional director, Mrs. Muriel Johnson of Glen Burnie, Maryland. Delta songs were led by Miss Ethyl Wise with Mrs. Margaret Richardson at the piano.

Five Founders Attend

One of the highlights of the afternoon was the introduction of the five founders of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority living in New York State and Washington, D.C. Each founder was presented with a corsage of violets, the Delta flower.

Those so honored were Mrs. Naomi Sewell Richardson of Washingtonville, N.Y., Mrs. Oscelola McCarthy Adams of New York City, Mrs. Jimmie Bugg Middleton of Washington, D.C., Mrs. Ethel Cuff Black of Jamica, N.Y.

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Many Walker alumni head thriving concerns of their own in all parts of the country and scores of them occupy high positions in colleges, hospitals, newspaper offices, city, county, State and Federal Government offices.

Dr. Brown was paid high tribute for the racial pride and ambition that impelled her to labor for larger quarters with better facilities for training young people.

Her labors were rewarded recently when the institution added a new trades building at Ninth Street and Myrtle Avenue. It is equipped with the most modern devices for training in cooking, baking, homemaking, tailoring and upholstering. A new printing department serves the school's printing needs and does work for the community at non-profit rates.

Iota's "most outstanding woman of the year" was earlier honored with a doctor's degree from Midwestern Business Schools Association; in addition to having State and Veterans Administration approval, Walker Commercial and Vocational College was certified a member of the National Council of Business Schools.

DR. JULIA W. BROWN

". . . *"Woman of the Year"* young Negro men and women for business and trade occupations."

The recommendation recalled that fifteen years ago, during the "great depression" a courageous woman peered beyond the dismal curtain of unemployment, starvation and national bankruptcy and foresaw a bright future for Negroes in the field of business and skilled trades.

With two rented typewriters and a determination to conquer ignorance and the economic instability that enslaves her people, Julia

National Officers at Iota Phi Lambda Conference

Shown above are president and national officers of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority which held its Eastern Regional Conference in Washington, March 26-27, with sessions at the Phyllis Wheatley YWCA. Left to right are: seated — Evelyn D Wilkey, national director of education; Sarah A. Lewis, natio nal secretary; Edna M. Kinney national journalist; Jeanne S. Scott, first national vice-president; Velma G. Williams, honor ary member; Alice P. Allen, national president; Orlean K. McMurray, president of Alpha Gamma chapter, host to the regi onal; Beulah J. Murphy, regional director; Marion Elliott Washington soror; and H. Corinne Lowry, national dean of p ledgees; standing—Beatrice Crawford, Philadelphia; Margaret Johnson, Baltimore: Pauline G. Dooley, Bluefield, W.Va.; An na M. Weaver, Hartford, Conn.; Virginia D. Lambert, Jamaica, N.Y.; Janice Dingwall, New York, N.Y.; Theresa C. Archer, Washington, D.C.; Babbe Barry, Montclair, N.J.

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Iota Phi Lambdans To Memphis For Regional

MRS. M. CLEOPATRA CRUTCHER

ANNOUNCES REGIONAL— Mrs. M. Cleopatra Crutcher, Southern Regional Director of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, who resides at Tuskegee Institute, Ala., today announced definite plans for the Southern Regional meeting to be held in Memphis, Tennessee, April 28-May 1, with Alpha Lambda Chapter, Mrs. Valerie Jeffries, President, as hostess. The Conference theme will be "Leadership."

Mrs. Alice P. Allen of Birmingham, Alabama, National President, will be guest speaker at the public meeting on April 28. Mr. Charles H. Bynum, New York City, Director of Interracial Activites will address the conference on April 29.

Business sessions will be held at the YWCA on Vance Street. For housing accommodations, write immediately to Mrs. Ludella Dawkins Chairman. Housing Committee.

This region embraces North and South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee Florida and Alabama.

Iota Sorors List Broad Program for 1949-50

By LIBBY CLARK
(Courier Los Angeles Bureau)

LOS ANGELES—Challenge to Negro womanhood to project themselves into all phases of business and legislative endeavor to assure a place for the youth of tomorrow keynoted a stirring address by Mrs. Alice P. Allen, national president of Iota Phi Lambda business sorority now concluding its twentieth annual convention in Los Angeles.

Principal speaker at the group's public meeting held Sunday, 4 P. M., at the Neighborhood Community Church, Mrs. Allen emphasized the need for a broader scope of activities by business women and urged the capacity gathering attending to support Negro businesses.

STRESSES VIEWS

In stressing her views, Mrs. Allen said, "Iota Phi Lambda has by no means confined itself to those interests and enterprises principally concerned with the advancement and realization of our original incentives and objectives. Our interests have encompassed all the questions and problems fundamentally effecting the life, the freedom, and the happiness of our people.

"Our sympathies and efforts go out in all directions in support of the movement engaged in racial and human welfare and advancement."

Sharing the rostrum with Mrs. Allen in presenting the full picture of the sorority's aims, goals and actual achievement were Mrs. Lola M. Parker, founder president emeritus, who discussed Iota-Yesterday and Mrs. Jeanne S. Scott of Pittsburgh, first vice president, Iota-Tomorrow.

PROJECTS

The sorority's 1949-50 program will be centered around its national projects listed as Founders Day Business Week, Educational Week Scholarship Week and Legislative Week.

The sorority will also launch an extensive new project to study the reading habits of the Negro populus as a yardstick by which more national advertisement might be corraled for Negro publications.

Concentration of legislation, both nationally and on a local scale directing affecting Negroes, was another phase of activity stressed at the confab.

Two hundred delegates representing two hundred members and eighty chapters throughout the United States were present at the meet.

Scores of social functions sandwiched between the sorority's public meetings and well-rounded business sessions rounded out a full week's activities for the country's leading Negro sorority.

Olivia Henry Heads Phi Delta Kappas

Chicago Defender

NEWARK, N. J. — Mrs. Olivia S. Henry of Philadelphia, was re-elected supreme basileus of the National sorority of Phi Delta Kappa last week at the final session held at St. James church.

Mrs. Julia A. Barnes, basileus of the host chapter, Alpha, presided at the opening meeting. A report made at the opening session revealed that more than $15,000 had been raised by Phi Delta Kappa to help carry on the fight against infantile paralysis. Sat. 1-22-49

Dr. Ethel J. Alpenfels, eminent anthropologist of New York university, was guest speaker at the opening meeting. Her topic was "Security Within Our Day for Tomorrow's Heritage."

During the sessions, Mrs. Florence S. Hunt presented Dr. Maude Wanza Layne who won the national sorority achievement award as the outstanding Phi Delta Kappa of the year. Sat 1-22-49

Other national officers elected were: Mrs. Daisey Simms, Wilmington, Del., 1st anti-basileus; Mrs. Laura Buck, Tuskegee, Ala., 2nd anti-basileus; Mrs. Anna Davidson, Cincinnati, 3rd anti-basileus; Mrs. Marion Bluitt, Washington, supreme grammateus; Miss Lillian A. Goings, Camden, N. J., national publicity director; Mrs. Thelma Powell, Chicago, Western member-at-large; Mrs. Lela Butler, Birmingham, Southern member-at-large; Mrs. Valaria Rhinehart, Chicago, editor-in-chief of the Krinon.

Mrs. Grace H. Racker, Brooklyn, national program director; Gwendonly Brown, West Chester, Pa., supreme tamiochus; Mrs. Mattie Conner, Baltimore, supreme tamias and Mrs. Theresa McIver, Baltimore, Eastern member-at-large.

National Phi Delta Kappa Sorority Head To Keynote Regional Meet Here Sat.

MRS. OLIVIA HENRY

Mrs. Olivia S. Henry, Supreme Basileus of National sorority of Phi Delta Kappa and pioneer teacher and leader in inter-group action in the public school system of Philadelphia, Pa., will be the featured speaker at the Southern Regional conference of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa here next Saturday afternoon, April 16. Several scores of delegates, gathered from every area of the Southern Division of the sorority are expected to be present and participate in the one-day's proceedings.

The sessions will be held in the Trevor Arnett Library on Atlanta University campus. The meeting to the public will be held from 3 to 4:30 p. m. Mrs. Henry will speak on the "Present Day Democratic Trends in education."

The speaker is winner of the 1943 Scholarship given by the National Conference of Christians and Jews; recipient of the 1944 Citizenship award given by the Afro-American Newspapers; member of the Board of directors of the National Council of Negro women, and co-founder and Chairman of Teachers' Intercultural group of Philadelphia.

Mrs. Odessa Hart, Basileus of the local Epsilon chapter, extends a cordial invitation to the Atlanta public to attend. Jan-4-10-49

ATTENDS REGIONAL — Mrs. Laura C. Buck (above) Southern Regional Director of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, with headquarters at Tuskegee Institute, was in Atlanta Saturday to attend the Fifth Annual Southern Regional Conference, and while here conferred with officials of the Atlanta Chapter of the National organization.

Phi Delta Kappa Chapter Aids Work Of Carter Woodson

Sorority Enlists To Supply Pupils With Certain Suppressed Items of History

Washington, D. C.—A group of women "who provide for their social life as a means to an end, rathen than an end in itself," is a tribute paid to the well known Phi Delta Kappa Sorority, in the June issue of the Negro History Bulletin, which at the same time tells of the aid the Baltimore chapter of Phi Delta Kappa is giving in fostering the work of the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, founded by the noted historian, Dr. Carter G. Woodson.

Under the heading: "The Phi Delta Kappa Sorority" the Negro History Bulletin says the following:

"The Phi Delta Kappa Sorority, organized as a professional group, is composed mainly of teachers who take life seriously. Their record refutes the general statement that the fraternities and sororities are mainly pleasure seekers. In the difficult effort to finance the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History these young people have been a great help to this undertaking. Several of these sororities and fraternities make annual appropriations to the support of the Association. The Phi Delta Kappa Sorority has been giving such aid for a number of years; and, in addition, it has conducted annual subscription campaigns to extend the circlation of the Negro History Bulletin.

"The way in which these coworkers have manifested their philanthropy was of their own choosing which makes their contribution still more significant. They could not expect wide publicity or prestige in thus serving a long-neglected cause. They were merely trying to respond unselfishly to the appeal which comes to every intelligent Negro to learn something about himself and about others in relation to his people.

"One must not think, however, that this sorority does not find as much pleasure in their social affairs as other groups, but these women provide for their social life as a means to an end, rather than an end in itself. In so doing they do themselves great honor and render humanity a distinct service.

"It is not desirable to bring the race problem or even our racial heritage into every undertaking upon which Negroes enter. but sane Negroes have learned that whatever they undertake or achieve they must cooperate as a group in keeping that record before the Negro to inspire him to greater endeavor and before the others to convince them that the Negro has never been and is not a problem for others except so far as they have made it so by segregation, persecution and social repression.

"The Negro has always been a contributor to the progress of mankind. It is encouraging to have intelligent women of the race advancing this brilliant idea."

It is stated in the article about the Baltimore chapter of Phi Delta Kappa that its members have decided to establish, at an accessible point in the city, a center to impart to Negro children something about their own people. These teachers, it is stated, realize the wide gap left in the training of colored children who have no opportunity to know their background or to understand themselves in relation to others.

In school, it is pointed out, that the Negro child is taught how to be an American, but after finishing school he is told that he cannot take his place among other Americans and must learn in the school of experience how to be a Negro—how to live in this country under restriction without being a part of it. These teachers, it is stated plan to do something to remedy this condition. By the purchase and use of elementary books by such authors and which would be instruc- Parthenia McBrown, Arna Bontemps and several others, this lack of knowledge among the "miseducated" children will be supplied. It is well know that many of the fine books written by Negro authors and whilch would be instructive and inspiring to colored children, are not even in the libraries of colored elementary schools. Among other authors whose books the Baltimore chapter of Phi Delta Kappa intend to have at its center are the following:

Elsie Palmer Dericotte, Jesse H. Roy, Geneva C. Turner, Jane Dabney Shackleford, Effie Lee Newsome, Marion J. Pryde, Beatrice J. Fleming and Wilfrid D. Hambly. The center will also provide a complete file of the Negro History Bulletin, and with simplified literature within the reach of children in the elementary schools.

It is held that if the public schools do not give the students of all races the opportunity to begin with their own background, those taking the future of the Negro seriously will suppliment the inadequate curriculum accordingly.

In this connection it is recalled that the noted Dr. William Pickens often tells how he went through the common and high schools of his home, later graduated from Tallegega College in Alabama and still later graduated and was class orator of famed Yale University. But, says Dr. Pickens, with all of this education, he missed getting any real history of the Negro race. He also says that after going to England he found out that what passes for history here in the United States is in many cases not accepted as truth by the English.

The decision of the Baltimore chapter of Phi Delta Kappa, it is stated, is to supply a useful answer to the question: "How we may impart information about the Negro where the schools ignore the record of the race."

Phi Delta Kappas Meet In Dee Cee Dec. 27-29

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Phi Delta Kappa, teaching sorority, will hold its 26th annual conclave here Dec. 27-29, when Beta chapter of Washington will be hostess to the national body.

The sorority headed by Mrs. Olivia Henry of Philadelphia, was incorporated in New Jersey in May, 1923, with eight members, and now boasts a membership of 1,500, with 35 chapters in 20 states and the District of Columbia. All sorors were active teachers at the time of their induction.

Seventy delegates and more than 300 visitors are expected here for the after-Christmas conclave. Beta sorors, celebrating their 25th anniversary in December, are completing plans for an open meeting, banquet, dance and workshop.

All sessions will be held at Carver Hall, government-built war-workers dormitory, lately acquired by Howard University.

National officers assembling for the conclave are: supreme basileus, Olivia S. Henry, Philadelphia; executive advisor, Gertrude A. Robinson, New York City; first anti-basileus, Daisy L. Simms, Wilmington, Del.; second anti-basileus, Laura C. Buck, Tuskegee Institute; third anti-basileus, Anna L. Davidson, Cincinnati; supreme grammateus, Marion H. Bluitt, Washington, D. C.; supreme tamiouchos, Bertha V. Waples, Woodbury, N. J.; supreme tamias, Mattie L. Connor, Baltimore; editor-in-chief, Grace Bouldin, Chicago; national program director, Grace H. Racker, Brooklyn, N. Y.; national publicity director, Lillian A. Goings, Camden, N. J.; parliamentarian, Delilah W. Pierce, Washington, D. C. and agent-in-charge, statutory office, J. Mercer Burrell.

Mrs. Bernice House, basileus, leads the officers of Beta chapter, whose members include elementary, junior and senior high school teachers, elementary school principals and one divisional director of Divisions 10-13 of the District of Columbia schools.

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SORORITY TO BAR NO RACE

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Pi Beta Sigma Sorority

New College Sorority Free Of Jim Crow

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By GENE WAUGH

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Gamma to Mark 27th Birthday

The 27th anniversary of Sigma Gamma Rho will be celebrated by scores in twenty-five states during this week. Outstanding civic, educational, and social events will mark the Founders' Week observance.

From a nucleus of seven charter members organized by Mary Lou Allison Gardner of Indianopolis in November, 1922, and incorporated as a national collegiate sorority at Butler University in 1929, Sigma Gamma Rho has emerged as an integral part of the National Pan-Hellenic Council.

A constructive program for youth, and active participation in all progressive movements, national and local, interpret the sorority's motto—"Greater Service, Greater Progress."

Sigma Gamma Rho holds life membership in the NAACP and the Association for the Study of Negro History; membership in the National Council of Negro Women, the Congress of American Women, and the American Council on Human Rights.

Officers Listed

Sorors who hold national offices in Sigma Gamma Rho include:

Reba E. DeShields, first grand anti-basileus, Wilmington, Dela. Edna Douglas, second grand anti basileus, Little Rock, Ark.; Regina Nance, grammateus, St. Louis; Emily H. Cralle, anti-grand grammateus, Baltimore; Edith Binn, grand syntaktes, Chicago; Hattie Redford, tamiochus, Indianapolis;

Regional Directors are Annie Neville, Northeast, Rocky Mount, N.C.; Fannie Preston, Southeast, Savannah, Ga.; Lorrene S. Boliver, Southwest, Houston, Texas; Evelyn Wilson, Central, St. Louis, and Jessie Crossland, assistant Southwest, Los Angeles, Calif.

Soror Sallie Edwards, St. Louis, is grand basileus of the sorority, and during Founders' Week, will be guest speaker of the Alpha Lambda Sigma chapter of Cleveland, Eta Chapter, Northwestern University, and of the alumni and campus chapters of Chicago.

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Sigma Gamma Rho in 20th Annual Boule

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.—The importance of the individual citizen in promoting the national welfare was forcefully brought to the sorors in attendance at the 20th Annual Boule of Sigma Gamma Rho by Elmer W. Henderson, executive director of the American Council on Human Rights, here, last week.

Mr. Henderson brought greetings for ACHR, a co-operative lobbying program of the major collegiate Greek letter organizations, which seeks to influence members of Congress in favor of desirable bill, but the choice of the congressmen, Mr. Henderson reminded the sorors, lies in the hand of the voter.

He urged the organization of Local Councils, and he admonished all citizens to register, to vote on all issues, and to present their viewpoints to their senators and representatives at frequent intervals.

E. Henderson

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority has been a member of the Council since its organization and is represented by Grand Basileus Sallie Parham of St. Louis, Mrs. Edith Whitehead Whaley, assistant housing commisioner of the City of New York, Miss Ester C. Peyton and Mrs. Emma Manning Carter of Washington, D.C.

Dr. Davis Speaks

Dr. Lawrence A. Davis, president of Arkansas A.M. & N. College, Pine Bluff, Arkansas, used the subject, "The Role of the Sorority on the College Campus" when the addressed the members of the Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority today.

Public Meeting Held

Citizens of Little Rock and Sorors gathered on Thursday at Bethel AME Church where Lorrene Smith Boliver of Houston was speaker at a public meeting.

Greetings

Mrs. Boliver from the various organizations were given by platform guests who included Elmer W. Henderson, director of the American Council on Human Rights, Mrs. N. L. Stephens, representative of Little Rock Negro Chamber of Commerce, the Rev. C. Wayman Blakely, pastor of Bethel AME Church, Miss Edna Douglass, basileus of Theta Sigma, hostess chapter, and second anti-grand basileus, Mrs. Thelma Young, Alpha Nu Chapter, Wilmington, Delaware, Mrs. Sallie Nuby Parham, grand basileus, St. Louis; and the speaker of the evening, Mrs. Boliver, Southwestern Syntaktes of Houston, Texas.

Minerva Lester Sings

Soror Minerva Laster, mezzo soprano of Tallahassee, Florida, thrilled the audience with her rendition of "The Lord's Prayer," "City Called Heaven" and "Alleluha," which showed the timbre and flexibility of Miss Laster's voice. Miss Laster is a teacher in the high school system of Florida.

The sorority formally welcomed Dr. Alma Illery of Pittsburgh and Mrs. Rosa Page Welch of Chicago as honorary members of the national body.

Awards Made

Chapter awards were presented to the Alpha Omicron Chapter of Dallas, Texas for establishing the best "Sigma Teen Town," the national project of the sorority. Alpha chapter, undergraduate group of Indianapolis, and Alpha Theta Sigma, Galveston, Texas alumni group, won awards for outstanding achievement. Grand Basileus Sallie Parham was presented the Blanche Edwards Award for meritorious service to Sigma.

Mrs. DeShields Elected

At the annual election on Saturday the following national officers were selected.

First anti-Grand Basileus, Reba E. DeShields, Wilmington, Del.; grand grammateus, Regina Nance, St. Louis; epistoleus, Henri Mae Woolridge, Gary, Ind.; editor-in-chief of "Aurora," official sorority publication, Rubye Watts, St. Louis; grand syntaktes, Edith Posey Binn, Chicago, Illinois; assistant Southwest Regional Syntaktes, Lesie Crossland Los Angeles, California.

Members of the executive board named were:

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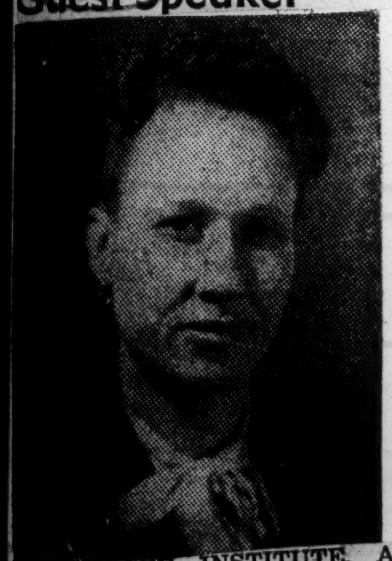
Bertha Black Rhoda, St. Louis, Missouri, chairman; Juanita Simpson, Chicago, Illinois; Lucy Brooks, Indianapolis, Indiana; Olga Lucas, Galveston, Texas; Agnes Duncan, Louisville, Kentucky and Naomi Coulter, Little Rock, Arkansas.

HONORARY SOROR . . . of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Alma A. Illery of Pittsburgh was made a national honorary member last week when the sorority met in national convention in Little Rock, Ark.. says Soror Sallie Nuby Parham, Grand Basileus. Soror Illery also established another Achievement Club during her Midwestern visit.

Zeta Phi Beta

TUSKEGEE'S WOMAN OF THE YEAR, Mrs. Sadye P. Delaney, is presented Zeta Phi Beta sorority award for achievement. Left to right, Lillian W. Harrison, executive secretary, Zeta Phi Beta sorority; Mrs. Delaney, Deborah C. Partridge, of Tuskegee; Betty Steele Turner, basileus, Alpha Xi Zeta chapter, of Zeta Phi Beta; Chief librarian at Tuskegee's hospital for veterans, Mrs. Delaney also received the American Legion award for meritorious service to veterans.

Woman of Year Guest Speaker



TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala., March 10.—Mrs. Lullelia W. Harrison (above) of Houston, Texas, former Grand Basileus of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., was the guest speaker at the banquet which was held in the Faculty Dining Room at Tuskegee Institute, honoring Mrs. Sadye P. Delaney, Tuskegee's Woman of the Year. Mrs. Harrison is the first paid executive secretary of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Mrs. Bettye Steele Turner is the Chapter president at Tuskegee Institute and she and her associates were responsible for the week's activities in which "Fine Womanhood" was the central theme.